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"who is in the trees and on the currents of the air. . . . Then the very soul of those moving, sonorous creatures would have passed through his hand into the eyes and hair of the image, as they can actually pass into the visible ex-pression of those who have drunk deeply of them; as we may notice, sometimes, in our walks on mountain or shore."

The thought is Wordsworth's, as the name is Blake's, avowedly. So with Dionysus:

"Try to conceive the image of an actual person, in whom, somehow, all those impressions of the vine and its fruit, as the highest type of the life of the green sap, had become incorporate; all the scents and colours of its flower and fruit, and something of its curling foliage; the chances of its growth; the enthusiasm, the easy flow of more choice expression, as its juices mount within one; for the image is eloquent, too, in word, gesture, and glancing of the eyes, which seem to be informed by some soul of the vine within it; so conceive an image into which the beauty, born' of the vine, has passed; and you have the idea of Dionysus."

"The spiritual form," then, is interpreted; but why is it the form "of fire and dew"? The answer is contained in three pages of faultless beauty; seek it there, and dream of parching sun and runnels of cool water, and the juice of the grape, and the sap in

all green things upon earth.

"The Bacchanals of Euripides" is appended, naturally, to the "Study of Dionysus"; whilst "Hippolytus Veiled" is connected, less closely, through Eleusis, with Demeter. As points of great interest, though subordinate to the legend of Hippolytus himself, we may notice the study of the Attic demes before the age of Theseus; the presentment of Artemis, just at the moment of transition, in her worshipper's

old, spontaneous symbolism: the temper of deity of the Amazon, his mother, to "the an earlier time, "in which every impression Goddess of the Ambrosial Courts," the object of his own chivalrous devotion; and, thirdly, Aphrodite,

> "just then the best-served deity in Athens, with all its new wealth of colour and form, its gold and ivory, the acting, the music, the fantastic women, beneath the shadow of the great walls still rising steadily."

> Surely these adornments are strange in the city of Theseus! One misses, in the list of them, the peacocks and apes of Solomon. But what pictures there are of town and country in the essay! Contrast the gloomy splendours of Phaedra's chapel with "the rude stone house" near Eleusis. where her rival dwelt:

> "On the ledges of the grey cliffs above, the laurel groves, stem and foliage of motionless bronze, had spread their tents. Travellers bound northwards were glad to repose themselves there, and take directions, or provision for their journey onwards, from the highland people who came down hither to sell their honey, their cheese, and woollen stuff in the tiny market-place. At dawn the great stars seemed to halt awhile, burning as if for sacrifice to some pure deity, on those distant, obscurely named heights, like broken swords, the rim of the world."

> In "The Heroic Age of Greek Art" Mr. Pater dwells with manifest delight on the decorative work in many-coloured metals, described by Homer and Hesiod, and shown in actual relics at Tiryns and Mycenae. So, in discussing the sculpture of later times, he points out how important it is not to forget the minor arts associated with it.

> "The student must remember that Greek art was throughout a much richer and warmer thing, at once with more shadows, and more of a dim magnificence in its surroundings, than the illustrations of a classical dictionary might induce him to think. Critics of Greek sculpture have often spoken of it as if it had been always work in colourless stone, against an almost colourless background. Its real background . . . was a world of exquisite craftsmanship, touching the minutest details of daily life with splendour and skill."

That gives the keynote of the second part of Mr. Pater's criticism of Greek sculpture, dwelling on the purely visible side of it, omitting now its connexion with myth.

"I have dwelt," he says-"I have dwelt the more emphatically upon the purely sensuous aspects of early Greek art, and on the beauty and charm of its mere material and workmanship, the grace of hand in it, its chryselephantine character, because the direction of all the more general criticism since Lessing has been, somewhat one-sidedly, towards the ideal cr abstract element in Greek art, towards what we may call its philosophical aspect."

But in the age of the Aeginetan marbles the Dorian influence grows strong; asceticism, restraint, must have their due. Yet that ascetic element in all Greek life, as well as art, "the saving, Dorian spirit in Hellenism" which Mr. Pater praised so highly in his book on Plato, as well on aesthetic as on ethical grounds, is not made so prominent in these essays, which, though published later, are earlier in date. We hear less of Apollo, more of Hephaestus, the Ionian god, "the 'spiritual form' of the Asiatic element in Greek art." The reaction from intellectualism has led the author to dwell, belief about her, from the fierce Scythian perhaps, too exclusively on the sensuous

aspects of sculpture, the beauty of material, colour, and metal-work. The balance would probably have been restored, had the series been continued, to include essays on the art of Pheidias. And it must be remembered, on the other hand, that just then the chryselephantine work was in its full splendour, and that the balance is disturbed precisely by the fact that none of that work remains. The historical narrative and the criticisms of particular works of art are admirably lucid and simple, if they are not so rich in the peculiarly felicitous qualities of Mr. Pater's style as the literary chapters which precede them. The whole book is one which every lover of this writer's work will be glad to place beside his Marius and his Plato and Platonism, whatever opinion he may ultimately form as to his criticism of the ancient world. For myself, I am too grateful, after all, for the gift of so much beauty, to think any state ideal, even Plato's, from which Walter Pater would be an exile.

CAMPBELL DODGSON.

The Recollections of the Very Rev. G. D. Boyle, Dean of Salisbury. (Edward Arnold.)

No one can read these interesting reminiscences without the reflection that Dean Boyle has been a singularly fortunate man, and has deserved his good fortune. It was -who can deny it?-no small bit of luck to have been born a Scotchman; but to have been born just in time to see Sir Walter in the flesh was still greater luck. Indeed, throughout life, circumstances seem to have been always so ordered as to have ensured for this fortunae filius a welcome from just the people whom he desired to know, and a fulfilment of most of the hopes which his well-regulated mind had been permitted to entertain.

"Once upon a time," says the Dean, "having lately heard from a college friend, whose father had been Dean of Salisbury, of the charms of the Deanery garden, stretching to the clear water of the Wiltshire Avon, I had laughingly written in a book of 'Likes and Dislikes' a wish to have a river at my garden's end, and to be Dean of Sarum.'

The wish was realised in 1880; and in the years that have since elapsed the Dean has had just the opportunity he desired for cementing old friendships, making fresh friends, cultivating his literary tastes, and indulging in the "pleasures of memory." In these he invites the public to share, and we can answer for it that those who accept the invitation will not be disappointed. From the first page to the last there is not a word of unkind criticism or unworthy depreciation in the volume. The friendliness, which has helped the Dean to make and to keep so wide a circle of friends, shows itself in every line, while the pride that he obviously feels in having mixed with many leaders of thought and action that none will find fault, with it. His own influence on those whom he has met may have been greater than his modesty would allow him to suppose.

Dean Boyle has, of course, much to say about his Scottish countrymen. Chalmers

Wilson, Henry Cockburn, Lord Rutherfurd, Alison, Lockhart, and Dean Ramsay were among those who, in the earlier half of the century, made society in Edinburgh famous; and he has something to tell us about all of these, as well as of many others. Of Lord Rutherfurd his recollections are valuable, for-so far as we know-he has escaped the almost inevitable memoir. Dean Ramsay is presented to us in a very favourable aspect. We had learnt to think of him chiefly as a humorous story-teller. He was more and better than that.

"A talk with Dean Ramsay in his study was great delight. He was a very pleasant companion; and though, perhaps, somewhat timid in expressing his real sentiments, he was, in the best sense of the word, a man of real breadth. He had great influence with many persons of distinction and rank. I know instances of the fearless attitude he maintained when called upon to deliver his mind in family matters, when principle and morality were involved. At one time in my life I was deeply imbued with the views of Pusey and Newman, and began to have grave doubts as to the position of the English Church. A letter of Frederick Denison Maurice's in the Christian Remembrancer, at that time a monthly magazine, had attracted me; and I happened to mention nad attracted me; and I happened to mention it to Dean Ramsay, who strongly recommended me to read Maurice's Kingdom of Christ, which he said had been greatly praised by Mr. Glad-stone. The character of Gladstone, his extraordinary interest in theology, and his possible political future, were themes on which Dean Ramsay delighted to dilate. Although he had a sincere admiration for his friend, he said that he detected in bim a vein of vanity, and on one occasion I heard him utter a remarkable prophesy—it was when Mr. Gladstone quitted Sir Robert Peel's government on the question of Maynooth—that William Gladstone would cause a good deal of trouble to a good many people before his career was over."

As an Oxford man, Dean Boyle has recollections of many contemporaries of more than academical mark. They are too numerous to mention. He does full justice to William Sewell, of Exeter, whose know-ledge of Plato should alone entitle him to respect. From Prof. Mozley he learnt much, but confirms the testimony of others as to his incapacity for preaching. Perhaps the two men among Dean Boyle's many friends at this period who most interest us are Clough and Conington. Of the latter he

says: "There was a reality and strength in all his work which made one feel that he was like a great sledge-hammer in the world of literature. When you walked with Conington, you were obliged to feel that your intellect was on the full stretch. He delighted to talk of his favourite authors, and it was marvellous with what accuracy he quoted long passages. Under his influence, for at one time I was his private pupil, I made acquaintance with many books I should otherwise have been ignorant of. During the long period of my intimate friendship with him, I do not think a cross or angry word ever escaped him. . . . As a critic of compositions he was unrivalled. . I thought him a better Greek than Latin scholar, but when he was elected to the pro-fessorship he made it his object to work his chair in the way most useful to the Uni-versity. His energy was immense. When once threatened with blindness, he began his well-known translation of Virgil's great poem, in order, as he said, to have resource, if his eyesight failed him."

Many capital criticisms by this great scholar are added; and it may not be generally known that he was candidate for the chair at Edinburgh which Prof. Blackie, whose death we are now mourning, obtained and adorned.

Dean Boyle's circle of friends received some notable additions on his removal to Worcestershire, where his life as a parish priest-first as curate and then as incumbent-was almost wholly spent. He was fortunate in beginning work under such a man as Claughton, who had made Kidderminster a most successful training school for the younger clergy. Association with so good a scholar and so genial a companion as the Vicar was itself an education; and to this must be added the intimacy with the Lytteltons at Hagley, and the Clives at Solihull, of which he has much to record. It is easy to understand that in the Dean's memory these are reckoned as "golden days," and that he dwells upon them with especial fondness. Brought up as a Presbyterian, becoming at an early age an Episcopalian, but yet retaining a warm affection for the Church of his native land, Dean Boyle-even if his temperament had been different—could scarcely have become a High Churchman. Any tendency in that direction which the wonderful influence of Newman might have created was speedily counteracted by an intimacy with Dean Stanley which, begun at Oxford, became closer and closer with advancing years. The sympathy between the two Deans was complete; the admiration of the younger for the elder was unstinted and unqualified. It finds expression on many a page. The last words in this pleasant volume are taken from an unfinished poem of Mrs. Archer Clive; and we are glad to see that the Dean is one of those who have not forgotten her claims to be numbered among the poets of our time. Jeffrey was not an indulgent critic, but from his lips fell the remark, "Three stanzas of The Grave, I think, are as fine as anything in Gray's Elegy"; and we venture to say such praise is not extravagant.

As years go on the Dean, we hope, will add largely to his store of recollections, and give the world a further opportunity of making acquaintance with them.

CHARLES J. ROBINSON.

Corea or Cho-Sen: the Land of the Morning Calm. By A. Henry Savage Landor. With Illustrations from Drawings made by the Author. (Heinemann.)

Mr. Landor has given us the book about Korea that at present is most wanted. For information concerning the physical features and political history of the country, we have Oppert, Ross, Dallet, and other writers; while some forecast as to its ultimate suzerainty, when the present war, whose pretext is the condition of Korea, is ended, may be expected from Mr. Henry Norman's forthcoming work. Consequently, the more welcome is information about the social side of Korean life from the point of view of a shrewd and privileged observer. That Mr. Landor is more skilful with the pencil than life than that of the woman, be she maid,

the pen may detract from the artistic completeness of his book; but this in no wise affects its value as a straightforward, unvarnished, and often amusing account of the manners and customs of a people in whom recent events have awakened interest.

Leaving Nagasaki in a Japanese steamer on Christmas Day, 1890, that festival being duly observed by consumption of "loast tulkey, plan pudding, shelly, boldeau, polt," and other good things, Chemulpo was reached in four days. The "Dai butzu" or "Great God" Hotel is not of a rank to be "double-starred" in future handbooks of Korea-or, to use the native name, Cho-Sen-the varied menu of the s.s. Higo-Maru being exchanged for the Barmecide feast of a tin of condensed milk as the single item in a New Year's dinner. However, if food was scant, there was no lack of company; a crowd of Japs, each with his visiting card and salutations of the season, forced an entry into Mr. Landor's presence while he was breaking the ice (for Korea is as cold as Canada) for his morning bath. The New Year is a lively time in Korea. The population breaks out into free fights which last a fortnight; old scores are paid off, and the Lord of Misrule has unchecked sway. But, with the exception of kite-flying, in which pastime old and young alike indulge, the seniors betting thereon with a Derby-like ardour, stone and club fights between teams drawn from villages and guilds, are the national sport in this miscalled Land of the Morning Calm.

The Chosenese are of Mongolian race, with a dash here and there of the Caucasian, chiefly among the upper classes, where white complexions and approximation to "Aryan" type, as Mr. Landor defines it, prevail. Like other travellers, he is struck with the good features of the men.

"Taken altogether, the Korean is a fine-looking fellow; his face is oval-shaped, and generally long when seen full face; but it is slightly long when seen full face; but it is slightly concave in profile, the nose being somewhat flat at the bridge between the eyes, and having wide nostrils. The chin is generally small, narrow, and receding, while the lips are, as a rule, heavy; the upper lip turned up and showing the teeth, while the lower one hangs pitifully downwards, denoting, therefore, little or no strength of character. They possess good teeth, and these are beautifully white, which is a blessing for people like them who continually a blessing for people like them who continually show them. The almond-shaped jet black eyes, veiled by that curious weird look peculiar to Eastern eyes, is probably the redeeming part of their face, and in them is depicted goodnature, pride, and softness of heart.

Their appetites are astounding; but as for the women-folk, they must feed on the crumbs which fall from their lords' tables. In everything they have the worst of it, with the exception of being permitted to roam the streets and pay visits after dark. Only on five specified nights of the year are men allowed, under pain of punishment, to walk abroad during the "women's hours." But the privilege accorded to the Korean ladies is of doubtful value, seeing that the streets are perilous at nightfall by the presence of tigers and other beasts of prey, which leap the city walls. Indeed, a drearier

wife, or concubine, there cannot well be. She is shut up at the age of four or five in a separate part of the house; betrothed as a mere child to a boy whom she has never seen, and may not see till years have passed, when she becomes his appanage and toiling slave. She has no name, being known only as the "daughter of So-and-So," or as the "wife of So-and-So." When she becomes a mother her boys are removed from her care at a very early age, their birth, as in other countries where ancestor-worship has developed into an elaborate cult, being more welcome than that of girls. "Should a welcome than that of girls. woman of the better classes be left a widow, she must wear mourning as long as she lives, and is not allowed to re-marry." Sometimes she performs the ancient rite of the jamun, as it is called in Korea, and follows her spouse to the other world; but if she has a son, duty keeps her by his side as one who will pay the family honours to his dead father. Both Confucianism and Buddhism—this last chiefly represented by a parcel of lazy, immoral monks and more reputable nuns-have slender foothold in the country. No bonzes are, under penalty of decapitation, allowed within any Korean city, their unwise interference in politics in time past having proved "an unparalleled nuisance and danger to the constitution." The old Shamanism, which has been the dominant religion of Northern Asia from the dawn of history, is the popular creed of the Koreans. Hence a universal animistic belief, the employment of sorcerers, rain-doctors, and the usual thaumaturgics. The dead being buried on hilltops, it is there that the ghosts con-

"No Korean of sound mind or body, however brave or fearless of death in battle, can ever be induced to walk out at night on the mountain slopes, and even in the daytime a great deal of uneasiness is shown by the natives should they have to climb a hill. On such occasions they provide themselves with armfuls of stones, which, as they go up, they throw violently one by one at these imaginary beings; and the hills close to the towns are simply covered with heaps of stones thrown at these mythical dwellers of the mountains."

The jour des morts and the festa dei morti of France and Southern Italy, which are the lineal descendants of the Roman feralia, itself the offspring of a venerable cult of barbarism. have their correspondences in the New Year's Day visit of the Koreans to the burial-places of their dead, with ceremony of prayers and incense, followed by feastings. Pathetic, too, and with a moral to which the Society for Psychical Research might with profit give heed, is the following story with which Mr. Landor concludes his account of the annual function at the tombs:

"A few months previous to my visit to Seoul, a foreigner had visited the king soliciting orders for installations of telephones. The king, much astonished and pleased at the wonderful invention, immediately, at great expense, set about connecting by telephone the tomb of the queen-dowager with the royal palace—a distance of several miles. Needless to say, though many hours a day was spent by his majesty and his suite listening at their end of the telephone, and a watchman kept all night in case the queen-dowager should wake up from her

eternal sleep, not a message, or a sound, or murmur even, was heard, which result caused the telephone to be condemned as a fraud by his Majesty the King of Cho-Sen."

Seoul, the capital, is a city of squalid houses and fetid streets, without a single building of any importance. The hospitality of its foreign residents secured Mr. Landor comfortable quarters; and his repute as an artist, of which the present volume, like its predecessor on The Hairy Ainu, affords good evidence, procured him entrée to the royal palace and the patronage of the king. Difficulties had met him in his rôle of itinerant portrait painter. On one occasion he had to flee for his life, or, at least, to preserve a whole skin, from an infuriated mother who caught him in the act of sketching her child, the woman, doubtless, being influenced by the common barbaric idea that harm would be wrought the boy through his likeness. Another difficulty arose when one of the royal subjects of his brush was dissatisfied because, being painted in profile, his other eye was invisible. Except that no blood was drawn in this case, the story resembles one told by Catlin. He had sketched one of the Sioux chiefs in profile, and was asked why half the face was left out. Then Shouka, the Dog, taunted the chief, saying, "The white man knows that you are but half a man." Whereupon shots were fired between them, with the result that the part of the face which Catlin had not painted was torn away!

There is a lack of orderly arrangement, with consequent repetitions, in Mr. Landor's pages, seemingly in keeping with the motley scenes through which he conducts us. We wander about the filthy streets of Seoul, watching the white-clothed, unwashed crowd jeering at a dismal procession of condemned men, of starved and livid mien, tied to crosses, and carried on carts beyond the Gate of the Dead, to execution; the mounted officials-a set of corrupt leeches-perched on high saddles on tiny ponies, a footman on each side holding the dignitary in his seat; strings of coolies carrying on wooden frames heaps of the Korean currency—small brass coins of which about three thousand are equivalent to a two-shilling dollar; sentinels mounting guard in baskets filled with rags and cottonwool; and last, but not least, majesty itself upborne in palanquin; another palanquin exactly its double following or preceding with dummy figure of majesty inside, so that none among the crowd may know in which vehicle the king sits. In taking leave of our agreeable guide, we have only to suggest that should a second edition of the book be called for-a success which it undoubtedly merits—the author will find that its interest will not be lessened, while a certain lack of dignity will be repaired, by the excision of the slangy expressions and feeble puns which here and there disfigure the pages.

EDWARD CLODD.

RUYSBROECK AND MAETERLINCK.

L'Ornement des Noces spirituelles. Traduit du Flamand de Ruysbroeck l'Admirable : et accompagné d'une Introduction. Par Maurice Maeterlinck. (Lacomblez.)

Ruysbroeck and the Mystics. Translated by Jane T. Stoddart. (Hodder & Stoughton.)
THE Flemish monk, Jan van Ruysbroeck, shares with Swedenborg and Jakob Boehme a reputation for spiritual wisdom bordering on madness. There is this difference, however: Ruysbroeck was never constructive, as Swedenborg was; and, again, though an ecstatic, was neverseduced by his imagination nor allured by his remotest and strangest fantasies into the actual quagmire of dementia, as happened again and again with the German dreamer, the intermittent wind of whose sanity never did more than rend clear and startling rifts in the cloudwrack which continuously obscured his mind.

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John of Ruysbroeck is so-called because no more of him is known than that he was the monk John who had been born at the little village of Ruysbroeck, between Hal and Brussels. To this day one may see, in the famous Green Valley in the Forest of Soignes, near the Belgian capital, the ruins of the Abbey of Grönendal, which this celebrated monk, mystic, and saint founded in the fourteenth century. Early in life his piety and spiritual illumination marked him out for the service of God. While ever remaining humble and austerely simple, in outward aspect as well as in inward verity, he exercised year by year so potent an influence that, from an insignificant parish priest in the church of Sainte Gudule, he became first a hermit of European fame for his sanctity and wisdom, and afterwards the founder of this great abbey. Long before he died, at the patriarchal age of 106, his contemporaries bestowed upon him the cognomen with which his natal name is now invariably associated. The atmosphere of that day was charged with tragic passion as well as passionate tragedy: it was the day, too, of the dreamers who expressed themselves in colour instead of in words-that strange procession of painters who were also rapt visionaries, from the Meister Wilhelm to Jehan de Bruges, the Van Eycks and Hans Memlinck. Other "passionates" of the spiritual life had caused reverent rumours throughout Christendom, pre-eminently St. Thomas Aquinas and Thomas à Kempis. When Ruysbroeck l'Admirable died, there were those who thought that the man nearest to God, since

Christ Himself, had passed away.

No doubt in Belgium and Holland, and to some extent in Germany, M. Maeterlinck's book, published between three and four years ago, has acted as a stimulant to a more thorough study of the life-work of the Brabant mystic. Still, it is unlikely that more than one or two students have the requisite knowledge, patience, sympathy, time, and opportunity for a scrupulous and ordered perusal of the following works, any one of which might discourage even the most ardent occultist: "Le Livre des Douze Béguines"; "Le Miroir du Salut eternel"; "Le Livre du Tabernacle spirituel"; "La Livre du Tabernacle spirituel"; "La

Pierre étincelante"; "Le Livre de la Suprême Vérité"; "Le Livre des Sept Degrés de l'Amour spirituel"; "Le Livre des Sept Chateaux"; "Le Livre du Royaume des Aimés"; "Le Livre des Quatre Tentations"; "Le Livre des Douze Vertus"; "Le Livre de la Foi chrétienne"; "L'Ornement des Noces spirituelles." Those enthusiasts, however, who would fain persevere, and are not content with "The Adornment of the Spiritual Marriage," which, with infinite care and skill, M. Maeterlinck has rendered in excellent French, will find revised, simplified, and authentic texts in the reprints of a Flemish society, "De Maetschappij der Vlaemsche Bibliophilen."

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I have given the names of Ruysbroeck's works in their French equivalents, as specified by M. Maeterlinck in his scholarly and suggestive essay upon "L'Admirable" and his writings. In this connexion Ruysbroeck's translator has a significant passage: "Il fallait, pour réaliser un peu, ici comme ailleurs, ces terreurs de l'amour, une langue qui eût la toute-puissance intrinsèque des langues à peu près immémoriales. Or, le flamand la possède et peut-être que plusieurs de ses mots ont encore en eux les images des époques glaciaires [sic]. Il avait donc à son usage un des modes du verbe presque originel, où les mots sont réellement des lampes derrière les idées, tandis que chez nous, les idées doivent éclairer les mots; aussi bien j'incline à croire que toute langue pense toujours plus que l'homme, même de génie, qui l'emploie et qui n'en est que le cœur momentané. . . ."

I am not aware if any other writer has demonstrated the theory of a language having "the intrinsic omnipotence of tongues which are almost immemorial"; but I opine that a scrupulous philologist, even if he allowed that the Flemish dialect possesses this power, would not lightly admit that several of its words contain images dating from the glacial epoch.

The longest, and by some critics considered the most important, of Ruysbroeck's works, is "Dat boec van den Gheesteleken Tabernacule." It is in this book that occurs the most famous passage in the mystic's writings—that passage, at least, most often quoted by mediaeval and later commen-tators: the interpretation of the spiritual flowers embroidered on the hangings of the tabernacle. Anyone who wishes to read this strange rhapsody, moving and convincing amid all its mysticism, will find it quoted in full in M. Maeterlinck's introduction to L'Ornement des Noces spirituelles, along with extracts from the "Interpretations" of the fishes and the several parts of a fish, and of the twelve jewels of the breastplate. It is a matter of regret that M. Maeterlinck did not make a full anthology from the many works of Ruysbroeck, rather than set himself to the rendering of the long, often wearisome, and monotonously repetitive "Adornment of the Spiritual Marriage." He would, thus, have done singular service. He himself admits that "The Book of the Seven Steps of the Ladder Ladder". of Love" is "one of the most beautiful works of a saint, whose works are all strange and beautiful": a passage from which, if I remember rightly, has been translated by that profound and suggestive writer, Ernest Hello-the passage, I mean,

wherein Ruysbroeck discusses the four melodies of heaven. In all these strange books there is unfolded "the drama of the divine love on the uninhabitable peaks of the spirit": each, emphatically, is "a dark symphony of contemplation."

Let me add, that for those who prefer to read of Ruysbroeck and his work in English, they could not have a more exact and at the same time more sympathetic translation than that of Miss Jane T. Stoddart. Her book, however, is practically nothing more than an English rendering of M. Maeterlinck's essay; for the closing thirty pages consist of selected passages from "L'Ornement des Noces spirituelles," which are neither representative nor in themselves particularly noteworthy.

WILLIAM SHARP.

NEW NOVELS.

Dalefolk. By Alice Rea. In 3 vols. (Hurst & Blackett.)

Into the Highways and Hedges. By F. F. Montrésor. (Hutchinson.)

Madame Sans-Géne. By Edmond Lepelletier. Translated and edited by J. A. J. de Villiers. (Chatto & Windus.)

The Faded Poppy. By Henry Keane. (Hodder Brothers.)

What Gold cannot Buy. By Mrs. Alexander. (White.)

The Investigations of John Pym. By David Christie Murray. (White.)

The Tree of Life, and Other Stories. By Julius Medley. (Remington.)

THE name of the author of Dalefolk is unfamiliar to us, but she certainly deserves to be heard of again. Her novel stands out from the general mass of fiction for its faithful and unexaggerated pictures of Cumberland life. We have no great love for a story that deals with two generations, because it is rather exasperating to get interested in certain characters in the first sixty pages, and then find them killed off and their children taking their place. However, there is a good reason for this in Miss Rea's case, as she shows how a curse is laid upon the family of a Camberland "statesman" in one generation, and removed in the next. The Rev. Joseph Mosely, the saturnine vicar of Blengdale, is denounced to his bishop through the medium of an anonymous letter. His mind was not very strong or clear before this event, but after it his mental equilibrium becomes seriously disturbed. Slander having associated the name of William Frear, of Miterdale Head, with the anonymous letter, Mosely roundly curses him and all that is his from the pulpit, to the consternation of the whole village and of Frear in particular. If Frear had behaved with a little common sense, the thing might have been put right; but then, where would have been these very interesting three volumes? Instead of having it out at once with the parson, Frear merely says that he will never set foot over his doorstep again. So the curse begins to work, and matters are made worse when the mad parson falls over Raven's Crag and is killed. Frear had tried to save him, but he gets the credit of his death. Frear soon afterwards dies, and also his wife; and the popular feeling with regard to the curse is intensified by the scheming of a villain who has long been manoeuvring to obtain possession of Miterdale Head. However, just when his plans are at the point of fruition, the whole plot is blown into the air, the name of honest Will Frear is cleared in the eyes of the public, and a happy issue is arrived at by the marriage of his son Hartly with the niece of the man who had really been responsible for the anonymous letter. This story is evidently the production of one who is thoroughly acquainted with the people and scenery she so clearly describes. If the author manifests the same conscientious spirit in succeeding works, she may look to taking an honourable place in fiction.

The story entitled Into the Highways and Hedges is strong, and, to a considerable extent, original. The idea of catching a extent, original. soul on the rebound, like that of Margaret Deane's, by the presentment of a religious ideal, is perhaps not new, but it is elaborated here with exceptional skill. Barnabas Thorpe, as a preacher, is the same type of man as John Burns the political reformer. He lives and feels intensely, and makes others feel that life should be full of earnest purpose. He was a very rough diamond indeed, but if his head was sometimes wrong his heart was right. Sprung from the ranks of the poor, he knew how to sympathise with them, and it gave him more delight to work in the slums than to be received in the mansions of the wealthy. The author observes that he by no means agrees with all Thorpe's opinions; but he justly adds that "the men who fight for their ideals have been, and always will be, the saving element in a world which happily has never yet been left without them." It was because Thorpe seemed perfectly content to lose all that the world in general regard as worth having, that he made such an ineffaceable impression on the soul of Margaret Deane. She left a home of luxury to follow him in his course of self-sacrifice; but she did not love him as a man, though he was her husband, until she understood the depths of his sublime unselfishness. It was when she saw him ready to lay down his own life to shield another that she realised his greatness. A second lover who tries to win Margaret, and who is a great contrast to Thorpe, is likewise a fine study. This book is so admirably conceived and written that Mr. Montrésor's next venture must excite unusual interest.

In Madame Sans-Géne we have a romance of the times of Bonaparte, founded on the play by Sardou and Moreau. As literature it counts for little, but as a story it is both vivid and exciting. It approaches very close sometimes to the vulgar and the questionable, but probably no one who took it up could lay it down till the last page was finished. The jolly, warm-hearted Madame Sans-Gêne is presented to us under three aspects—as washerwoman, vivandière, and duchess. Her life had those startling

transformations of which the court of Napoleon furnished many examples; for as the conqueror of Europe could not make the old aristocracy come to him, he was obliged to create his own order of nobility. When the story opens, our heroine becomes the wife of a young sergeant, who, owing to his brilliant deeds in the field, soon blossoms into Marshal Lefebyre and the Duke of Dantzic. Although the Duchess cannot throw off the manners of the washtub, and is more than once in danger of emitting "a big, big d——" at the Emperor's splendid court functions, we have a strong liking for her; for she and Lefebvre are almost the only couple who retain the affections of their youth, and conjugal fidelity. It is amusing to read of the Emperor being dunned at the Tuileries for the washing bill which had remained undischarged since his impecunious days as a subaltern. This sketch is full of movement, but we cannot say that the reader would do well in accepting all its piquant details as historical truth.

We desire to speak with moderation, but in our honest opinion The Faded Poppy is one of the silliest books it has ever been our lot to read. The author himself calls it "a fragment of Philistine melodrama"; and as there was apparently no excuse why it should ever have been begun, so there is equally no valid reason why it should ever have come to an end. The work is nothing but a series of confused and discursive thoughts on every topic under the sun-from Church ritual to Letty Lind and dancing at the Empire, from Esoteric Buddhism to Shakspere, Ruskin, Parnell, and John Oliver Hobbes! There is a good deal about magnetic force, and not a little about lunacy. The latter, perhaps, was to be expected, considering the manner in which many of the characters act. We hope that Mr. Keane is young, because that might be a partial excuse for his ill-digested lucubrations; moreover, he would be all the more likely to look back with regret in after years upon this extraordinary literary venture, which, for his sake, we can only wish consigned to immediate oblivion.

Mrs. Alexander's little story, What Gold Cannot Buy, is very charming; but the one weak point in it as regards plot is that, when the heroine is introduced into the house of her husband's mother, it is at once too obvious whom she is. This mother is a hard, proud, imperious woman, who has cast off her favourite son because he has married beneath him, as she thinks. The husband goes off on active naval service, and his young wife enters his mother's service as companion, gradually winning that which "gold cannot buy"—her esteem and affection. The studies of character are excellent, and the sketch is simply and naturally written.

Mr. Christie Murray's gifts as a novelist are too good to be wasted on detective stories, even were they of the first order. Having said this, we can admit that the brief sketches collected under the title of

tomed in similar work by Conan Doyle, Dick Donovan, and others. If the phrase be permissible, Mr. Murray has caught to a nicety the "patter" of the detective storyteller. They are nearly all couched in the same form and style; and when you have read one you have read all, as regards literary workmanship. All the rest consists of the particular nature of the individual crime, and the particular way in which its perpetrator is brought to book. "The Case of Muelvos y Sagra" is a creepy story, but it is not the first time that the gigantic Brazilian spider has been used by a villain to aid him in his murderous intents. "The Mystery of the Patent Spur" is, perhaps, the most painfully graphic sketch in the volume.

The name of the author of The Tree of Life and the character of his work are in excellent accord, for a wonderful "medley" the book is. All the stories are of an ultrasensational type. In the first we hear of mysterious "voices"; and there is a crazy old fool who believes in the Tree of Life, the Talisman of Talismans, &c. He astonishes his son by telling him that, as he has been kissed on the lips by a woman, and can therefore never fulfil his occult purposes, he intends to boil him to death in a pot, like a cabbage. This "pleasure," however, he foregoes, and makes him sit down to write out a journal instead. In the second story we have a set of Spanish villains who have sworn to exterminate a certain family. Two people get roasted alive; and a beautiful young girl of high lineage is likewise just about to be sacrificed, when she is miracu-lously preserved, and in the end marries her rescuer. The third story introduces us to a collection of hardened reprobates, titled and otherwise. Lastly, "The Land of Pearls" relates a story that is quite worthy of the rest, showing how an English family just on the verge of starvation are saved by the arrival of a box of pearls from abroad, which are converted into fabulous wealth. It is difficult to say what flights of imagination Mr. Medley may not attain to if this farrage of ridiculous improbabilities be his first effort.

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CURRENT LITERATURE.

MESSRS. STONE & KEMBALL, of Chicago, have begun the publication of an édition définitif of the Works of Edgar Allan Poe, newly collected and edited, with a memoir, critical introduction, and notes, by Edmund Clarence Stedman and George Edward Woodberry, the illustrations by A. E. Sterner. There are to be ten volumes in all, to contain all Poe's "permanent" writings, tales, reviews, and poems. The main object of the editors has been to produce an authoritative text, according to the latest revision of the author in his lifetime. For this purpose, they have had recourse not only to the original issues, but also to the MS. notes in the author's own copies. For the prose, they have been content to print the final form of the text that has Poe's authority, without indicating the divergencies, though they have not been careful to preserve the original punctuation; brief sketches collected under the title of The Investigations of John Pym are quite up to the mark to which we have been accus
"a complete variorum." At present, we have

three volumes before us, containing only a portion of the Tales. The general title is retained, of "Tales of the Grotesque and Arabesque"; but the editors have adopted a sub-classification of their own, and the order is not the familiar one. So far as we have noticed, there is only one actual novelty: a short piece called "The Elk," descriptive of American scenery. We are not told from what source it is taken, though we would not for a moment doubt its authenticity. But, what source it is taken, though we would not for a moment doubt its authenticity. But, generally, there is something to desire in the matter of bibliographical reference. Perhaps we shall have a complete bibliography of Poe in the last volume—a thing which is much to be desired. Each of these three volumes has a portrait for frontispiece. Two of them are a portrait for irontispiece. Two of them are from daguerrectypes, resembling (but not identical with) the photograph in Mr. John H. Ingram's edition. The third, which is engraved from a picture in the possession of Mr. Griswold, shows Poe apparently younger, and without the saturnine aspect. There are also three or four imaginative drawings in each volume, which we cannot regard as altogether successful. Of the two editors, Mr. Stedman contributes a critical introduction to the Tales; while Mr. Woodberry has condensed his Life of Poe into a brief but sufficient memoir. Mr. Woodberry's general attitude, as is well known, is by no means one of unmixed eulogy; and it must be admitted that the correspondence which has recently seen the light tends to confirm the harsh verdict of Poe's earliest biographer, R. W. Griswold. Of Poe's moral character, the less said the better. His work is but one more example of genius, stimulated, if finally crushed, by poverty, misery, and disease. It remains to state that the volumes are admirably printed, on hand-made paper, at the University Press, Cambridge, Mass.

The Troubadours and Courts of Love ("Social Science" Series). By J. F. Rowbotham. (Sonnenschein.) This volume inaugurates a new series, and that auspiciously. It is indeed admirably adapted to its purpose, which is to convey instruction blended with entertainment to ears which are not over senentertainment to ears which are not over sensitive or too fastidious. In part unconsciously, in part on purpose, Mr. Rowbotham writes well down to his audience. When required he pads with the usual stuff about gallant knights and ladies gay, nor does he disdain an occasional "topical" allusion. Of course most of this stuff is poor enough, but somehow it does not jar: he rambles on so confidently, so iauntily, and so good-humouredly that he jauntily, and so good-humouredly that he carries us along without a protest. His remarks are often bombastic or in bad taste, and his style at times meretricious; but his and his style at times meretricious; but his faults are, after all, of the good old conventional kind, and his style is always easy, intelligible, and equable. In short, it has all the elements of popularity. The book will amuse and instruct where a sounder work would be refused a hearing, and we wish it the success it deserves. Mr. Rowbotham's industry success it deserves. Mr. Rowbotham's industry and enterprise are prodigious. He has produced successful books on The History of Music and on The Great Composers, and we believe several epics. In fact he is at present engaged upon an epic which he describes as not only the most important but the "longest" of the present century. Clearly Mr. Rowbotham is something of a literary enthusiast; and one hardly likes, though really one ought to export him to shiure a form of one ought, to exhort him to abjure a form of expression which is so unlikely to ensure an audience, and to urge him to confine himself to the sphere for which he is so well fitted. This volume must imply a considerable power of rapid work. It is no mere bookmaking. Granted that much, even of the references, is borrowed straight from standard works, mainly French,

fully compared. But beyond them the author has evidently read widely, not only in the old Romance poets themselves, but in cognate subjects. Some of his remarks and notes are sure evidence, especially where they dis-play some individual eccentricity of his own. An immense amount of information has been got into the volume. The author is, however, too versatile and lively to be critically accurate. A story does not lose in his telling, nor does he forego his wonted con-fidence when he touches on subjects of which he knows little. Thus, in estimating the influence of the First Crusade on the rude Normans and English, he seems not to know that the Normans were not visiting the East for the first time, were not visiting the East for the first time, and that already they had imbibed a tincture of Oriental culture. Again, professing to quote William of Malmesbury, he amplifies and embellishes the anecdotes about William of Poitou, describing quite fully the mock nunnery of courtesans which he founded at Niort. Now Malmesbury does not say he founded one at all, but only that he "talked of" founding one—in short, a mere sacrilegious joke, which after all the Count very likely never uttered. If Mr. Rowbotham embroiders a good deal, it follows that he repeats with gusto the exaggerations and inventions of the old writers: such as the absurd description of the glories of the Caliph's palace (p. 11), where "a sheaf of living quicksilver jetted up in a basin of alabaster, and made a brightness too dazzling for the eye to dwell on." What force known to the Arabs could "jet up" so heavy a metal; and if it did, would there be anything dazzling about it? The old quicksilver lie is very typical. The writers can only have seen mercury in very small quantities. It was precious; its properties were marvellous. So they multiply it at will as an appendage of royalty. Hence the absurd lie gravely repeated down to to-day about the wonderful bed of the Mogul emperor, a silk mattress floating on a tank of If Mr. Rowbotham embroiders a good deal, it emperor, a silk mattress floating on a tank of emperor, a silk mattress noating on a tank of quicksilver. The inference was a luxurious springiness and oscillation from the "quickness" or "life" of the "silver." In reality it would depend upon the specific gravity of the great man whether he enjoyed the pleasures of a plank bed, or whether the treacherous metal opened and closed over him for ever. In any case, a few nights of this luxury and the fumes of the mercury would have salivated him into his grave. But these myths die hard. Mr. Rowbotham is, indeed, often inaccurate in his random allusions. Thus he calls Louis VII. the Dauphin of France. In his account VII. the Dauphin of France. In his account of the rise of minstrelsy in England, while properly ascribing much to Eleanor of Guienne, he totally ignores the two queens of Henry I., who were surely the first and greatest patronesses of poetry and music. Again, in throwing doubt on the genuineness of Robert of Normandy's poem on the chestnut groves at Cardiff Castle, he does not ask whether the chestnut was then acclimatised in Walss. We think it was not. These occasional Wales. We think it was not. These occasional slips are, after all, of no great importance, and are balanced by some very judicious remarks and reflections here and there. Mr. Rowbotham's strongest point, perhaps, is his clear distinction strongest point, perhaps, is his clear distinction between the terms troubadour and trouvère, with which we entirely agree. Nor must we forget to praise the extremely clever, ingenious, and often felicitous English versions of troubadour poetry, apparently from Mr. Rowbotham's own pen, especially the "Be m play" of Bertrand de Born, and Arnaud Daniels's sixtine "Lo ferm voler," in which the intense difficulty and intringery of rhymne is triumphently. difficulty and intricacy of rhyme is triumphantly grappled with.

WE hasten to give welcome, in however brief a form, to Mr. Henry Nevinson's Neighbours of Ours (Bristol: Arrowsmith). It is probably the best book in a series that a local publisher.

has made already celebrated; and if we review it in "Current Literature" at all, it is not that we think there is denied to it the chances of an enduring life. Like Mr. Arthur Morrison's Tales of Mean Streets—which might have been even better than it is had it owed nothing to the influence of the abrupt methods of Mr. Henley's showy journalism—Neighbours of Ours is a book on East-end life. And Mr. Nevinson, like Mr. Morrison, knows his theme: nay, Mr. Nevinson knows his theme from the inside, as intimately as possible, helped thereto not only by experience, but by an imagination sympathetic and quick. He is far less sombre than Mr. Morrison (whom, though we criticise him, we distinctly admire). He has nothing of a parti-pris. Realism does not, with him, almost shut out humour. He knows that the poor are helpful, chummy, and that they often know what it is to have a very good time. And if he understands East-end character and circumstance, profoundly, so does he understand Cockney dialect. What a contrast he is in this respect to Mr. Rudyard Kipling, who, when he has introduced the adjective "blooming," and has introduced the adjective blooming, and perhaps another uglier one, seems to consider he has done all that could reasonably be expected to bring before us the local colour of the common Cockney talk. Now Mr. Nevinson's characters not only talk Cockney in every line they utter, but think Cockney too, and in no other talk but Cockney talk could what they think he avergessed. As for the what they think be expressed. As for the characters, there are several we shall not forget. "Old Parky" is perhaps one of them. An "Aristocrat of Labour" is another. "Little Scotty," with his vocation for the music hall, scotty," with his vocation for the music hair, is as true and as funny as may be. His grandmother, from over the border—austere, yet kind—gives Mr. Nevinson an opportunity, which he takes, of rising once to a fine pathos. And then the fascinating Lina—Lina whom most men found so irresistible—she is a confectly modern London thudr. Were it not perfectly modern London study! Were it not just a little prolix now and again, we should have no fault to find with this book either as to manner or matter. And it is prolix very seldom. On the whole, Neighbours of Ours is rich in observation and thought, full of humanity and humour and admirable tolerance.

The Art of Chess. By James Mason. (Horace Cox.) This book may be considered as supplementary to Mr. Mason's previous work, in which he impressed upon chess learners the impolicy of trusting to mere book knowledge, and the inutility of getting up the openings by rote, as a means of acquiring chess strength. His present volume consists of three parts: on the end game, the middle game, and the openings. The first consists of interesting positions culled from well-known authorities, the majority being examples drawn from the Horwitz and Kling repertory. The valuable portion of the book, which Mr. Mason calls Combination, consists of positions which have all occurred in actual play during the last thirty or forty years, in games won by the leading chess practitioners, and are generally models of the highest art of attack and defence. There are above a hundred and fifty positions selected by Mr. Mason from actual games, given with short explanatory notes on the modus operandi, which we are sure no young player could go through without sensible improvement to his chess strength. We think it much to be regretted that Mr. Mason has not in each instance given the names of the players. There are about thirty examples given from Morphy's Games, and, with this exception, the names of the players are seldom recorded. Anderssen's name is attached to a few splendid instances of chess play, of course well known to every experienced player. In looking through the positions, we have come across several with which every

student should be familiar, amongst them being some specimens of Zukertort's genius, to which, however, his name is not attached. As sil the illustrations of combination are avowedly taken from actual play, there could be no reason for concealing the names of the players; and it would have added alike to the interest and authenticity of the book if the names of both the players and that of the tournament in which the game was contested had been given in every instance. The idea, however, that Mr. Mason has carried out is an excellent one; and we know of nothing that would be more improving for a young student than to work out thoroughly these fine specimens of play, and prove to his own satisfaction that the win obtained in each instance is absolutely irrefragable. section on the openings is the least satisfactory part of Mr. Mason's book. It is impossible to give more than the merest sketch of them within sixty pages of large print; but the author is consistent with his own principles, and modestly states that the different lines of play he suggests are not proposed as absolute models, but in order to give the usage, or, in other words, the latest fashion, of the players of the present day. So far as a cursory examination goes, this promise seems to be fairly carried out.

NOTES AND NEWS.

MR. R. D. BLACKMORE has put together some verse-tales for publication this spring. The titles are as follow: "Lita of the Nile"; "Kadisha; or, the First Jealousy; "Mount Arafa; or, the First Parting"; "Pausias and Glycera; or, the First Flower Painter"; "Buscombe; or, a Michaelmas Goose," &c. The book will be illustrated by Mr. Louis Fairfax-Muckley, and there will also be three illustrations by Mr. James W. R. Linton. Mr. Elkin Mathews is the publisher.

SIR EDWARD BRADDON'S Thirty Years of Shikar, which Messrs. Blackwood announce for immediate publication, will have illustrations by Mr. G. D. Giles, and a map of the Oudh and Nepal Terai. A special chapter will deal with sport in Tasmania, of which colony Sir Edward is now Governor.

Messes. Macmillan & Co. announce The Great Frozen Land, being the narrative of a winter journey across the Tundras and a sojourn among the Samoyeds, by Mr. Frederick G. Jackson. It has been edited from his journals by Mr. Arthur Montefiore, and will contain illustrations and a map.

Messrs. G. P. Putnam's Sons announce for early publication a work entitled The Armenian Crisis.—The Massacre of 1894; its Antecedents and Significance, with a consideration of some of the factors that enter into this phase of the Eastern Question, by Mr. Frederick Davis Greene. The author is an American, who has lived for many years at Constantinople and in the centre of Armenia, during which time he was especially engaged in work to improve the condition of Armenian schools. One especial feature of his book is the presentation of testimony in regard to the late massacre, much of it entirely new, in the shape of reports from American residents, who had opportunity of gathering information at first hand. The volume will contain twenty illustrations from photographs, and a new map of Asiatic Turkey.

Messrs. Cassell & Co. will publish shortly the fourth volume of Dr. Robert Brown's The Story of Africa and its Explorers, completing the work, with about eight hundred original illustrations.

Messrs. Longmans have in the press a new volume of fishing reminiscences by John Bickerdyke, to be entitled Days of My Life on Waters

Fresh and Salt, with a frontispiece in photo-etching and eight full-page illustrations.

THE next volume in the series of "Great Writers" will be a Life of Renan, written by Mr. Frederic Espinasse.

THE new edition of Balzac's novels which Mr. George Saintsbury is editing for Messrs. J. M. Dent & Co. is to make a beginning immediately with "The Wild Ass's Skin" (La Peau de Chagrin). This will be followed at monthly intervals by "The Chouans," "The Country Doctor," and "At the Cat and Racquet," each in one volume. The first volume will contain an etched portrait of Balzac, and a general introduction in which the editor will deal with his subject biographically and deal with his subject biographically and critically, while each succeeding story will have a special introduction. The translation will be specially executed under Mr. Saintsbury's supervision; and Messrs. Constable are the printers.

MR. DAVID NUTT will publish, in the course of the summer, Legends of Florence, collected and retold by Mr. Charles G. Leland ("Hans Breitmann").

MR. THEODORE WRATISLAW will publish at an early date, through Messrs. Swan Sonnenschein & Co., a play in raymed verse, under the title of The Pity of Love. It deals with the story of Philip von Königsmarck and the Princess Sophia Dorothea of Hanover, the wife of our George I. The action is confined to one day, that in which the gallant soldier met his death at the hands of the Duke of Celle, in requital for his love of his high-born mistress.

CANON BELL will publish immediately, through Mr. Elliot Stock, a volume of essays, entitled: Some of our English Poets. The same firm announces The Divine Surrender, a mystery play, by Mr. William Wallace.

MR. George Allen announces Huon of Bordeaux: a Legend of the Time of Charlemagne, by Mr. Robert Steele, with twenty-four illustrations by Fred Mason.

MR. WALTER SCOTT will shortly publish, in his "Library of Humour," The Humour of Russia, translated by Mr. E. L. Voynich, with an introduction by Stepniak, and numerous illustrations by Oliver Paque.

MESSRS. SWAN SONNENSCHEIN & Co. announce parts ii, and iii, of Mr. E. Belfort Bax's Social Side of the Reformation, dealing with the Peasants War and the rise and fall of the Anabaptists.

MESSRS. HUTCHINSON & Co. will publish immediately Mr. Joseph Hatton's new novel, The Banishment of Jessop Blythe, which has been attracting a great deal of attention in the locality where the scene is laid, while appearing in Tillotson's press syndicate. The author has taken his heroine from a strange community of rope-makers, who occupy the cathedral-like entrance to the great cavern of the High Peak.

MR. MAX PEMBERTON'S new story, "The Impregnable City," will shortly be published by Messrs. Cassell & Company. His recent story, "The Sea Wolves," which was issued by the same publishers in the autumn, is already

Mr. ALEXANDER GARDNEB, of Paisley, will publish early in May Tayside Songs, and other Verses, by Mr. Robert Ford, illustrated with a portrait of the author. In addition to some of the best poems in the author's former book, Homespun Lays and Lyrics (which has been out of print for some time), it will also contain about fifty new pieces.

MESSRS. GINN & Co., of Boston, will pub-

The Religions of India, by Edward Washburn Hopkins, Professor of Sanskrit in Bryn Mawr College, giving an account of the religions of India in the chronological order of their development. The point of view is chiefly historical and descriptive, but the causes lead ing to the successive phases of religious belief are kept prominently before the reader. A new feature of this book, as compared with the one work that has preceded it on the same lines, Barth's Religions of India, is the constant lines, Barth's Religions of India, is the constant employment of illustrative material, drawn from the original sources. Copious extracts are given from Vedic, Brahmanic, Jain, Buddhistic, and later sectarian literatures. The volume contains also a full description of the modern sects of to-day, a chapter on the religions of the wild tribes, and one on the relations between the religions of India and those of the West. those of the West.

MESSRS. W. & R. CHAMBERS have the fol-MESSRS. W. & K. CHAMBERS have the following books in the press for early publication: Don, by the author of "Laddie"; White Turretts, by Mrs. Molesworth; The Brotherhood of the Coast, by D. Lawson Johnstone; The Wizard King, by Mr. David Ker; Eminent Engineers: being lives of Watt, Stephenson, Telford, and Brindley.

THE second edition of M. Jusserand's contribution to the Life of Comte de Cominges, A French Ambassador at the Court of Charles II., is about to be published by Mr. T. Fisher

THE first volume of the "Century Science" Series will be issued by Messrs. Cassell & Co. in the course of a few days. It will be written by the editor of the series, Sir Henry Roscoe, and will be entitled "John Dalton and the Rise of Modern Chemistry."

MESSES. CASSELL & Co. have in preparation an entirely new edition of Colonel Burnaby's "Ride to Khiva," which Mr. Gordon Browne will illustrate.

MESSRS. J. M. DENT & Co. announce that the MESSRS, J. M. DENT & Co. announce that the volume which will immediately follow Mr. Raymond's "Tryphena in Love" in their new Iris Library is to be a story by Mr. Guy Boothby, entitled "A Lost Endeavour," illustrated by Mr. Stanley Wood. Then will come an Irish story, "Maureen's Fairing," by Miss Jane Barlow; and that will be followed by a relevance of Vocabular extension by a page with the stories by the stories by a stories with the stori volume of Yorkshire stories by a new writer, and a collection of Indian stories by Mrs. F. A. Steel. Other volumes will be translated from the Danish, the German, and the Bosnian.

THE April part of Chambers's Journal, which THE April part of Chambers's Journal, which will be ready next week, will include the continuation of Anthony Hope's "Chronicles of Count Antonio," a four-chapter story by Mr. Gilbert Parker, entitled "The Angel of the Fcur Corners," besides articles on "Humours of the House of Commons," "Our Oldest Colony" (Newfoundland), "Biribi" (an account of French colonial regiments), "Dockisation of the River Avon," and "Snake-Taming," by Dr. Stradling. by Dr. Stradling.

ALL Prof. Arber's publications, with the exception of his Transcript of the Stationers' Registers, have been taken over by Messrs. Archibald Constable & Co., who in future will be their sole

A PENSION of £100 a year on the Civil List has been conferred on Mr. William Watson.

THE evening discourse at the Royal Institutution on Friday next will be delivered by Sir Wemyss Reid, upon "Emily Bronte."

AT the meeting of the Toynbee Hall Shak-spere Society on March 7 Mrs. C. C. Stopes read a paper on "Macbeth." In the discus-sion which followed Dr. Furnivall, Dr. Gregory 'sh in April, as the first volume of a new series sion which followed Dr. Furnivall, Dr. Gregory Handbooks on the History of Religion," Foster, and the Rev. Ronald Bayne took part.

UNIVERSITY JOTTINGS.

PROF. FRANCIS GOTCH has been elected to the Waynflete chair of physiology at Oxford, vacant by Prof. Burdon Sanderson's appointment to the regius professorship of medicine. Prof. Gotch—who is a B.Sc. of London and an honorary M.A. Prof. Burdon Sanderson, and now fills the Holt chair of physiology at University College, Liverpool. of Oxford-was for several years demonstrator to

THE University of Cambridge has conferred the degree of M.A., honoris causa, upon Mr. Henry James Wolstenholme.

THE subject of the Bampton Lectures, which the Rev. T. B. Strong, of Christ Church, is now delivering at Oxford, is "Christian

In Congregation at Oxford, on Tuesday of this week, a new statute was promulgated, in accordance with which, after 1896, only one examination a year will be held in mathematical moderations, as is already the case in all the other honour schools. This examination will be held in Trinity term. At the same time, it is proposed to reduce the total honorarium of each examiner from £40

In the Oxford University Gazette there is printed the report of a committee of Council, proposing a scheme for the simplification of the existing system of pass examinations, which will also incidentally diminish the number of examiners. The three principal changes intro-duced are: (1) The additional subjects in responsions are made identical with the corresponding subjects in the pass final schools, (2) the subjects now offered simultaneously in pass moderations and in the preliminary examination in jurisprudence may henceforth be offered separately, and (3) the subjects in pass moderaseparately, and (3) the subjects in pass modera-tions may be offered at any time after matriculation. We observe that a candidate for the new honours school in English, who has not already obtained honours in some other school, is required to pass in both Latin and Greek, and also in either logic or mathe-

THREE public lectures were delivered at Oxford last week: by the Rev. Dr. C. H. H. Wright (Grinfield lecturer on the Septuagint), on "The Times of Antiochus Epiphanes as portrayed in Daniel xi."; by Mr. W. R. Morfill (reader in Slavonic), on "The Malo-Russians and their Literature"; and by Dr. J. Varley Roberts (for the professor of music), on " Madrigals."

AT a meeting held in the Divinity School at Cambridge, on Monday of this week, Prof. Armitage Robinson read a paper on "The Composition of the Early Chapters of Luke's

THE following is the speech delivered at Cambridge on March 7 by the Public Orator, Dr. Sandys, in presenting Prof. Charles Rieu for the complete degree of M.A., honoris causa:

"Viri desideratissimi propter eruditionem multiplicem celeberrimi in loco, lactamur nuper, statuto antiquo in melius mutato, linguae Arabicae professorem nobis d'gnissimum esse datum. Hodie vero eundem honoris causa artium magistrum vero cundem nonoris causa artium magistrum creamus, nostroque senatui libenter addimus. Atqui fluminis Rheni in ripa, in Academia Bonnensi, annos abhinc quinquaginta propter eximiam linguarum Orientalium peritiam philosophiae doctor olim nuncupatus est. Ibi de poetae cujusdam Arabici vita et carminibus commentationem limitario controles de commentationem limitario controles de co tionem luculenter conscripsit; ibi, cum collega doctissimo consociatus, linguae Sanskriticae thesaurum copiosissimum edidit. Postea in Musco Britannico codicum Orientalium custos nominatus, per annos quadraginta, ut diplomatis Bonuensis nuper honorifice renovati verbis utar, Musei illius 'codicibus Arabicis, Persicie, Turcicis, summa cum

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cura singularique doctrina descriptis, ad vastos litterarum thesauros omnibus aditum patefecit, adeuntes semper consilio atque opera comiter adiuvit.¹ Satis causae dictum esse opinor, Academici, cur professorem tanta doctrina, tanta comitate praeditum, ad Academiam nostram adeuntem ea qua par est comitate accipiamus. Vir linguarum Orientalium eruditione tam dives, dignus certe est qui Horatii varbis appellatur: dignus certe est qui Horatii verbis appelletur :
 'Intactis opulenticr
 Thesauris Arabum et divitis Indiae.'''

THE total number of candidates for the preliminary examinations in biology at Oxford is thirty-nine, of whom all but two offer animal morphology or botany. From this, the Oxford Magazine infers that all the others will take up physiology for their final subject, and therefore intend to be medical students. It would seem, then, that the medical school at Oxford is at last becoming a reality.

WE quote the following from the New York

"The announcement that the Yale 'Lit.' prize would not be awarded this year, because not one of the essays handed in was worthy of such recognition, must give something of a shock to the older graduates of that institution, coming, too, so soon after the comments made on Yale's uninterrupted defeats in the debating contests with interrupted defeats in the debating contests with Harvard. In the early sixties, a freshman on entering Yale had pointed out to him as the college heroes the great debaters of the two old open societies. To-day even those societies are dead, and the freshman has pointed out to him the champion slugger at football, the highest jumper, and the furthest thrower of the hammer. Even the champion carsman takes a second place in these days of higher athletics."

TRANSLATION.

FOR LORENZO DEAD.

(From the Latin of Politian.) Who will grant to my head Water? Or who for mine eyes Will open a fountain of tears? So that by night I may weep, And may weep by day: Like as the dove, widow'd, is wont, Or the swan that dieth is wont, Like as the nightingale: Crying, Woe is for me! Grief, ah, my grief! Our Tree* by the lightning-shock Lies cast suddenly down; Our Tree full of renown, Famed where the Muses are, And famed where the wood nymphs lie! O Tree, whose clusterful bough Lent peace to the songs of Apollo, And sweeten'd the sweet of his voice: Mute are the voices, alas! And alas! We are deaf that heard. Who will grant to my head Water? Or who for mine eyes Will open a fountain of tears? So that by night I may weep, And may weep by day; Like as the dove, widow'd, is wont, Or the swan that dieth is wont, Like as the nightingale:

Crying, Woe is for me! Grief, ah, my grief! MAURICE HEWLETT.

OBITUARY.

SIR JOHN MACLEAN, F.S.A.

THE death of Sir John Maclean at Glasbury House, Clifton, on March 6, of influenza, has deprived those of us who are connected with the West country of an enthusiastic antiquary and an attached friend. He was born at

* This is, of course, Lorenzo-the laurus, laurel-

in the War Office, probably through the interest of the first Lord Vivian, a distinguished interest of the first Lord Vivian, a distinguished soldier whose family seat was near the town of Bodmin. From 1855 to 1861 Maclean was keeper of the records of the Ordnance in the Tower of London, and from 1865 to 1871 he served as deputy chief auditor of the army accounts. At the beginning of that year he retired from official life, and was knighted at Osborne on January 14, 1871. He resided for many years at Pallingswick Lodge, Hammersmith, and, being an ardent Churchman, took an active part in the working of the new parish of St. John's, Hammersmith. For some years after his withdrawal from the War Office he dwelt at Bicknor Court, Coleford, Gloucesterhe dwelt at Bicknor Court, Coleford, Gloucester-shire, and latterly at Glasbury House, Clifton. He married at Helland, near Bodmin, on December 5, 1835, Mary, eldest daughter and co-heiress of Thomas Billing, of Great Lanke, in St. Breward, an adjoining parish.

She survives with one daughter.

The first works of Sir John Maclean were connected with the family of Carew. He edited in 1857, from the original MSS., The Life and Times of Sir Peter Carew, a volume of much interest for an ecclesiastical student of the Reformation period and for the history of Devonshire. For the Camden student of the Reformation period and for the history of Devonshire. For the Camden Society he edited the "Letters of George, Lord Carew, to Sir Thomas Roe, Ambassador to the Court of the Great Mogul, 1615-17" (1860), and the "Letters of Sir Robert Cecil to Sir George Carew" (1864). His most laborious work was his History of the Deanery of Trigg Minor, which came out in parts, and was afterwards walking as three volumes. It con-Minor, which came out in parts, and was afterwards published as three volumes. It contained full descriptions of the churches and manors within the limits of the deanery, Bodmin being its most important parish, and was filled with elaborate pedigrees of many of the leading Cornish families. In 1869 he published a limited edition of the Life of Sir Thomas Seymour, Baron Seymour of Sudeley, and as only one hundred copies were printed it has now become a scarce volume. Since the date of his removal from London he has edited has now become a scarce volume. Since the date of his removal from London he has edited date of his removal from London he has edited John Smyth's Lives of the Berkeleys, 1066-1618, in three volumes; J. F. Marsh's Annals of Chepstow Castle for Six Centuries; and, in conjunction with W. C. Heane, The Gloucestershire Visitation of 1623. He was also the author of innumerable articles in Notes and Queries, the Journal of the Royal Institution of Cornwall, the Archaeological Journal, the Transactions of the Bristol and Gloucestershire Archaeological Society, and in several other periodicals. His work was always of admirable quality, and he will be much missed.

THE REV. C. W. BOASE.

Oxford: March 11, 1895.

W. P. C.

MAY I say a few words in the ACADEMY of our dear old friend, Mr. C. W. Boase, of Exeter College, whose death follows so quickly and sadly upon that of Mr. Robinson, of New College. In him we lose one who was, perhaps, the best representative of the fast disappearing and older order of life-fellows. Taking his degree in 1850, he had resided for nearly half a century within the walls of his college, of which there was never the walls of his college, of which there was never a more loyal son; for he made it one of the few objects of his literary ambition to publish its records. But, though he wrote but little, he was one of the most learned of men: a Hebraist of no mean quality, an excellent classical scholar, and an historian of the very first order. The late Prof. Freeman has acknowledged his indebtedness to

Trehudreth Barton, Blisland, near Bodmin, on September 17, 1811, his father's name being then Lean, but he resumed the prefix of Mac in 1845. Like many other clever youths from this neighbourhood, he obtained a place in the War Office, probably through the interest of the War Office, probably through the interest of the War Office, probably through the interest of the War Office, probably through the world the impressible to communicate to the world the world the impression which he was the world the impression which he was the world the impression which he was the world the world the impression which he was the world outside world the impression which he made on all who knew him—gentle and kind beyond belief to everyone who sought his aid, speaking ill of no one, abstaining from controversy, seeing the best side of all men and all causes. Such was his learning that there was no field in which his well-balanced, luminous judgments were not aidful, even to specialists; and his great modesty was even more remarkable than his learning.

For years he was to be seen every afternoon pacing the dry stretch of gravel walk in the University Park. I shall always look back to my conversations with him when I joined him on these occasions. No one could talk as he on these occasions. No one could talk as he could, pouring out, in his gentle, kindly manner, anecdote after anecdote, learning on learning. And now that familiar figure and voice is lost to us; yet I trust not all his quiet enthusiasm for goodness and truth. Alas! that he could not have been spared to us another ten years. In this age of bustling and ostentation, how must we miss such an example of profound and unwe miss such an example of profound and un-assuming culture, of lifelong devotion to academic duties, understood in the highest, noblest sense! F. C. CONYBEARE.

DR. GOTTLIEB WEIL.

Dr. Gottlieb Weil, which took place the week before last, at Milford, Surrey. Dr. Weil studied at Heidelberg, where he took his degree. He was long connected with the University of Cambridge as teacher of the German language and literature. Among his pupils there were Colenso and Lightfoot. In 1857 he was appointed to Queen's College, Harley-street; he held also for a considerable time masterships at Wellington College and at the Charterhouse. A scholar ton College and at the Charternouse. A scholar of considerable culture and attainments, he devoted himself to teaching rather than to writing, and many of his former pupils hold his memory in grateful recollection. He passed away in his eighty-fourth year.

C. M.

MAGAZINES AND REVIEWS.

In the March number of the Antiquary, some of the articles may be of service to the student, but there is not one which will furnish attraction to the general reader. Mr. E. Wyndham-Hulme has a third section of his paper on "English Glass-Making in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries." Venetian workmen appear to have fled to England and the Netherlands about the middle of the sixteenth cenands about the middle of the sixteenth century; but it was some time before the better kind of glass became a home product in this country. It seems that we owe to Jacob Verzellini—or Vessalini, as he is sometimes called—the introduction of the manufacture as a profitable business. He was born at Venice in 1522 and did at Dewnis Vertical 2020. a profitable business. He was born at Venice in 1522, and died at Down, in Kent, in 1606. Brasses to the memory of himself and his wife, Elizabeth Vanburen, an Antwerp lady, are still to be seen in the parish church. In 1574 Verzellini received a patent for making glass, the more imimportant parts of which have been reproduced by Mr. Hulme. Mr. J. Lewis André gives a good account of East Ruston Church, Norfolk. The road agreen still exists. The panels on The rood screen still exists. The panels on the northern side contain fifteenth century paintings of the four Evangelists. On the south side are given the four Doctors of the Church. We are glad to hear that these paintings are still "fairly perfect." Three of the Evangelists are represented with their

usual emblems; but Saint Matthew, instead of being, as is commonly the case, attended by an angel, is portrayed with wings. The Rev. P. H. Ditchfield ought to have made his paper on the town of Rapallo longer than it is. Few Englishmen know much of Italy beyond the great towns and the other notable things which are brought under their knowledge by the

ADVANCED STUDY AND RESEARCH AT CAMBRIDGE.

While Oxford has finally adopted, with some amendments, a statute for establishing new degrees for research, Cambridge was to discuss on Wednesday of this week a revised scheme on Wednesday of this week a revised scheme drawn up by a special syndicate. We print below a series of eleven resolutions, embodying the chief features of that scheme. It will be observed that it differs from the Oxford scheme in two important respects: it offers to advanced students the ordinary B.A. degree, and it admits them under certain conditions to the Tripos examinations. The period of residence -namely, two years-is the same in both cases.

"I. -That it is desirable to admit to the university under the title of Advanced Students graduates of other universities who have attained the age of twenty-one years, and whose qualifications for entering on a course of advanced study or research

entering on a course of advanced study or research have been approved.

"II.—That the degree committees of the special boards of studies should be empowered to authorise in exceptional cases the admission as Advanced Students of persons who are not graduates of another university, provided they give evidence of

special qualifications.
"III.—That overy person admitted as an Advanced
Student should forthwith matriculate in the usual

manner as a member of the university.
"IV.—That Advanced Students should be entitled under certain special conditions to proceed

"V.—That the first degree to which Advanced Students should be entitled to proceed under the usual conditions to the degree of M.A. and to other degrees in the

university.
"VI.—That Advanced Students should be entitled to be admitted under special conditions to certain of

the Tripos examinations.
"VII.—That an Advanced Student should be entitled to proceed to his first degree if he have (1) kept by residence at least six terms, and (2) attained a specified standard in a Tripos examination

attained a specified standard in a Tripes examination to which he has been admitted.

"VIII.—That a Certificate of Research should be granted by the university to an Advanced Student who shall have (1) pursued under supervision a course of research in the university, and (2) submitted a dissertation which shall have been adjudged to be of distinction as an original contri-bution to learning or as a record of original

"IX.—That an Advanced Student should be entitled to proceed to his first degree if he have (1) kept by residence at least six terms, and (2) obtained a Certificate of Research.

"X.—That a Certificate of Research should be

granted by the university to any graduate of the university who shall have (1) pursued under supervision a course of research, and (2) submitted a dissertation which shall have been adjudged to be

dissertation which shall have been adjudged to be of distinction as an original contribution to learning or as a record of original research.

"XI.—That the duty of making arrangements for the supervision of Advanced Students or graduates engaged in courses of research, and the duty of awarding the Certificates of Research, should be entrusted to the degree committee of that special board with which the course of research is in each case most nearly connected."

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CORRESPONDENCE.

LINKS WITH TENNYSON'S YOUTH.

Handsworth : March 9, 1895.

It may interest your readers to learn that some of the last links with the late Lord Tennyson's youth have recently been severed, and that there is now scarcely one person remain-ing in Lincolnshire who knew him in his early years. The "boy-schoolmaster" of Alfred and Charles Tennyson (William Clark) died some months ago; his brother, Jonathan Clark, died last month, aged eighty-six; Mr. J. William Wilson, one of the old scholars at Louth Grammar School, who, if he had no

vivid recollection of Tennyson, well remem-

vivid recollection of Tennyson, well remembered his stern schoolmaster, has not long been in the grave; and, last of all, Susan Epton (Mrs. Thompson) passed away on March 6.

This poor blind woman, who was born May 23, 1807, lived only a mile or two from Somersby Rectory, and up to within a year or two ago was always ready to talk of the eventful days she spent with Dr. Tennyson and his family. The Laureate himself counted her as a friend, and wrote her a touching letter when she sent her congratulations to him on his eightieth birthday. "I should like to take his hand again," she was accustomed to say to visitors who occasionally found their way to visitors who occasionally found their way to her remote little village home. She recalled how she and the other servants were in the habit of listening to Alfred Tennyson when, as a mere boy, he declaimed a few passages of poetry to his brothers. Charles Tennyson, however, was her favourite, and the sightless eyes of Susan Thompson would moisten at the mention of his name. She knew Arthur Hallam, and was in the Rectory when the news of his death reached the family; it fell to her lot, indeed, to minister to his destined bride, and not in duty but in love to bring what solace she could to her mistress. Susan Thompson's moving story of those days is not, however, such as may now be repeated, but must be regarded as sacred in its intimate and confidential details. The proudest day of her long life was that on which she received the Laureate's letter telling her how he valued her good wishes.

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With Susan Thompson's death it is probable that the last of the Laureate's Lincolnshire contemporaries-excluding the surviving members of his family—disappears.

CUMING WALTERS.

WORDSWORTH AND MARTIAL. Caius College, Cambridge: March 10, 1895.

Is there any evidence that Wordsworth was a reader of Martial, as he certainly was of Catullus and Virgil? If there is not, then it becomes all the more interesting to notice the parallel, which I do not remember to have seen noticed elsewhere, between the opening lines of Wordsworth's Second Sonnet on King's College, Cambridge:

"They dreamt not of a perishable home Who thus could build,"

and Martial's verses addressed to the architect of Domitian's "domus Palatina" (vii. 56, l.):

"Astra polumque pia cepisti mente, Rabiri, Parrhasiam mira qui struis arte domum."

W. T. LENDRUM.

LUTHER'S BIBLE TRANSLATION.

London : March 11, 1895.

I asked Mr. Merk to meet the arguments, published by me some years back, that Luther had only a superficial knowledge of Greek at the time he is popularly supposed to have translated the New Testament from the Greek within three months. Mr. Merk has not done so, but he takes the passage quoted by me, and endeavours to show that Luther is in some respects nearer to the original Greek than to the IXth German Bible. Why not? I can only repeat what I wrote in 1883:

"He [Luther] most certainly had Krasmus' Greek Testament with the improved Latin translation and annotations; but even this did not preserve him from repeating many errors of the Vulgate, which he would have avoided had he translated independently from the original text."

The main point, that Luther's vocabulary and his phraseology are almost identical with that of pre-Lutheran versions, Mr. Merk does not even attempt to meet. Indeed, he merely

strengthens my position by citing another pas-sage from Luke. In order that "the unpreju-diced reader" may have an opportunity of judging whether the German Vulgate and the September-Bibel, "whatever their superficial likeness, rest on an entirely different basis," I will again, at the end of this letter, print another extract and, for comparison, an in-dependent pre-Lutheran translation. The reader will see at once that any independent translator has a widely different vocabulary and phraseology. The fact is, that there exists ever al pre-Lutheran versions, which are largely independent, and these differ far more widely both from each other and from the "German Vulgate" than Luther's version does from the latter. Merk, if he studies the still unpublished codices, Egerton 855 and 1895-6, or Add. 15,243 (an Apocalypse only), will find that very large sections of them are entirely independent of the "German Vulgate," and that it is very far from inevitable that "two translations, however independent of one another, should have very much in common," even in passages of great simplicity. However, I think the passages I give below of really independent translations ought to suffice. Now, let us take Mr. Merk's evidence of Luther's knowledge of Greek in John iv. in detail.

(a) Change of tense. Granted, but why not ue to the Vulgate or to Erasmus? On the due to the due to the Vulgate or to Erasmus? On the whole, considering the change of tense in v. 10, there is a good deal to be said for the grammatical consistency of the German Vulgate.

(b) The German Vulgate has "Darumb das Weib von Samaria sprach," while Luther has "spricht nu das Samaritisch Weib," "render—

ing neatly the Greek ob by German nun."
Indeed! Our own Revised Version has changed "Then saith the woman of Samaria" of the Jacobean Version back to "The Samaritan woman therefore saith." Presumably it was the work of competent Greek scholars who knew how to render neatly the Greek olv! (c) The German Vulgate has "In welcher-

weisz," while Luther has wie. According to Mr. Merk, the one is obviously a translation of quomodo and the other of rws. Indeed! Then why does the Leipziger Codex of 1343, admittedly translating from the Latin, use wie? There is more than one German version which has wie instead of welcherweisz, and yet their authors had no acquaintance with the original Greek.

(d) Mr. Merk objects to the rendering "Wann auch der vater suochet solich die yn anbeeten" of the German Vulgate, and says that Luther puts correctly "denn der vater will auch habe die yhn also anbeten." Indeed! The Revised English Version has "for such deth the Estate of the basic workings." doth the Father seek to be his worshippers," and for an alternative "for such the Father also seeketh." Presumably it was the work of com-Presumably it was the work of competent Greek scholars, and it seems to me that this rendering of theirs is as much removed from Luther's as it is from that of the German Vulgate. The fact is, that Luther's rendering is just as obscure as that of the German Vulgate, and probably for the same reason-ignorance of the Greek. His weak die certainly does not give the strong reference of the τοιούτουs to those referred to in v. 23.

(e) "The clumsy phrase (containing the provincial ayschen)" writes Mr. Merk. Why is vincial ayschen)" writes Mr. Merk. Why is ayschen provincial? It is simply one fifteenth century way of spelling heischen, which itself occurs in more than one of the MSS. of the German Bible. The word will be found in North, South, and West German of the period, and, as a matter of fact, is used in the identical sense of the German Vulgate by both Goethe and Lessing! But if Mr. Merk prefers beten to heischen he will find it already given in v. 10 of the Leipziger Codex, and yet that Codex was pre-Lutheran by 180 years! That Luther polished up the German Vulgate is not at issue. Even he had not the audacity to issue a

verbatim reprint as his own translation.

(f) Lastly, "Gott ist der Gaist" is simply an error which has crept into some of the an error which has crept into some of the printed versions. The early MSS. are quite definite, the Tepler Codex has "Gott, der ist ein geist," and the Leipziger Codex "Got ist ein geist." Thus, to translate the Vulgate by "ein geist." was already accomplished; yet, writes Mr. Merk, the absence of the article in the Creek are all the control of the article in the Greek πνεθμα δ θεός preserved him [Luther] from making the mistake." As a matter of fact, the making the mistake." As a matter of fact, the modern German revision (*Probebbel*, 1883) has "Gott ist Geist," and probably if Luther had been the Greek scholar Mr. Merk supposes him, the September-Bibel would have had the same

Thus, not one of the points brought forward by Mr. Merk really indicates special knowledge of Greek in Luther. They can nearly all be found in his predecessors, whom he merely supplemented by a perusal of Erasmus' Latin translation. But positive examples that Luther did not follow the Greek but the German Vulgate are numerous enough. One must suffice here.

Luke xxi. 24 runs in Luther :

"Und sie werden fallen durch des schwerds mund.

The Greek is:

καὶ πεσούνται στόματι μαχαίρας.

Why in the world, if Luther really knew Greek, did he translate στόμα μαχαίρας by such fourthform stuff as schwerds mund? The answer is simply that the German Vulgate has "und sy fallen in dem mund des schwerts" closely following the unrevised† Vulgate, "Et cadunt in ore gladii"!

Mr. Merk again appeals to authorities, Mr. Merk again appeals to authorities, but he is very unfortunate in asking whether Jakob Grimm had not "access to the German Bible, which was before the Reformation." Of Scherer, I will not at present say anything, but of Grimm there is direct evidence that he did not know the vocabularies of the pre-Lutheran Bible translations. He never cites them in the great dictionarya man to leave such splendid material unused if he had known it—and only in the last few years have the new Editors of Grimm's Wörter-buch begun to recognise and use these nighinexhaustible mines of pre-Lutheran German. I conclude with the passages promised:

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• It is of interest to notice that Luther returned to the Gemahl of the German Vulgate in later editions!

This is a very simple passage; but the relation of Luther to the German Vulgate, and his divergence from the Munich Codex, is apparent. The odds against this sort of relationship throughout the whole of the New Testament being purely casual are simply enormous on the accepted mathematical theory KARL PEARSON.

• See also our own Revised Version. † The revised Vulgate has acie, and Luther in later editions Schärfe.

KILGROVANE III.

London : March 12, 1898.

There is one point upon which the Rev. E. Barry's careful analysis of this inscription leaves me doubtful; and, as it is crucial, I write to ask for a little further information.

Where Father Barry finds an f (in afi) I had no doubt that I saw five genuine scores. I ought to have subjected them to as minute an examination as Father Barry has actually done, but it did not occur to me to question the authenticity of any one of them. If I do not misunderstand Father Barry's remarks upon this character, he has himself, as a matter of fact, identified my five scores, but rejected the first two as "mere scaling." The third and fifth of these scores are real; the fourth, though now "rough and fresh from scaling," must be regarded as real because flanked by real scores.
The point which still, to my mind, seems to require further elucidation, may be stated thus: are the five apparent scores equidistant ? if so, are the nve apparent scores equidistant? It so, are the first two—the fictitious scores—similar in appearance to the fourth? if so (putting aside questions of sense and meaning), does not the argument drawn from the proximity of the two unquestionable scores apply equally well to the first and second as to the fourth? In other words, is there not equal justification for considering the letter to be an n with the first, second, and fourth scores scaled, as an f, with the middle score injured, and some random score-like weathering preceding it? Unfortunately I have neither squeeze, rubbing, nor photograph from which to obtain an answer to these queries, and the sketch and notes which

I made on the spot of course give no help.

I should also be glad to know the position of the a point relative to the fictitious n-scores (I saw no vowels except the ei between the r and the f or n). Does it precede them, or lie at the root of one of them, like the vowelpoint at the root of the b in my Ebrani?

I do not wish to insist that this letter is an n; I am merely stating that I cannot recollect or find a note of any reason for rejecting the first two scores any more than the fourth. I have no doubt that Father Barry, who has seen the stone much more frequently and more recently than I have, has excellent reason for so doing; but should it by any chance turn out to be an n after all, there would be no alternative but to accept the m-like scratch higher up as an actual m, and read downwards. This Protean inscription would then assume the form, apparently, of Irali maqi Eri!

However, when I revisit Kilgrovane-

hope I may at some future date—I shall be rather pleased than otherwise to find that all these guesses must give place to Father Barry's reading. Such an identification as that which he brings forward is too interesting to be lost; Ogham inscriptions which can be grouped together as memorials of members of the same family are extremely rare. Out of a total of 292 known to me from various sources, I can only recollect the two (three?) Toicac stones at Dunloe and the Netasegamonas stones at Ard-more and Old Island as parallel instances. Until I read Father Barry's letter, I was unaware of the existence of such an important inscription at Sheskinan-the six dilapidated fragments described by Mr. Brash were the only inscriptions there of which I had heard.*

I ought, perhaps, to take this opportunity of explaining that the error into which I fell in explaining that the error into which I fell in speaking of "Canon Barry" was not altogether my fault: I was misled by a report of a meeting of the Society of Antiquaries of Ireland in the Antiquary (vol. xxiii., p. 82), in which he is so styled.

R. A. S. MACALISTER.

* I presume that "Sheskinan"-Mr. Brash's "Seskinan." It is odd that the same writer always speaks of "Kilgrovane" as "Kilgravane." THE DERIVATION OF "YORKER." London : March 9, 1895.

The interesting word "yorker" can only be done justice to by historical etymologists. When does "yorker" first appear in our literature? To the best of my knowledge, "yorker" does not occur in Nyren, who repre-"yorker" does not occur in Nyren, who represents the language of the close of the last and the beginning of the present century. "Yorker" is not in Love's poem, nor, so far as I remember, in any of the cricketing writings of the eighteenth century. I think it will be sought in vain among Miss Mitford's works and in Mr. Tennison's; but the lexicographer must read through the old sporting magazines and Felix on the Bat. Even in Proceed's Circlett Field (in early editions at magazines and Felix on the Bat. Even in Pycroft's Cricket Field (in early editions at least) a "yorker" is named a "tice," I think, obviously because it "entices" you (or me, at all events) to treat it as a half-volley. When I was a boy in Scotland, say in 1860-63, a yorker was called a "tice" or a "block-pitch." All this makes in favour of J. S. C.'s theory that the word has recently come into general use. Thirty years ago it prevailed in Oxford. Older cricketers may be able to say how long they have been familiar with the term. I am inclined (subject to the judgment of my superiors) to think that a "yorker" is of my superiors) to think that a "yorker" is only a delivery favoured by Yorkshire men. One would speak of a "yorker," then, as one speaks of "a Lockerby lick," or as at Winchester a certain drive is (or was) called "a Barter." To "york" might be coeval with or derived from, "yorker."

From "yerk" = jerk I see no elucidation. "The ball must be bowled, not driven or its larked" say these eternal laws of which the

jerked," say these eternal laws of which the M.C.C. is the sole and sacred progenitor. Nor does a "yorker" need, more than any other delivery, to be "thrown or jerked"; while it would most righteously be "no-balled" if the bowler acted on the unconsciously improper suggestion of J. S. C. That "yerker" could not become "yorker" is familiar to all students of Mr. Max Müller; but if I am wrong here, apply to that authority.

For the non-publication of Scott's notes in the Dryburgh Edition, not I, but the limits of space, and the desire of the spirited publishers, are responsible. It is not I who would leave them out if they could be got in. In references to the ancient classics of cricket, I am obliged to trust my memory, but here, if nowhere else, I think I can depend on that faculty.

I hoped that I had anticipated the imputation of regarding "yorker" as a ball that is "yerked." What I meant to imply was that it is the batsman who is "yerked" under his guard, just as Iago talks of "yerking" his enemy under the ribs.

The suppressed links in my argument were somewhat as follows:—Let it be assumed that the verb "to yerk" still exists in the Northern vernacular. A Southern batsman loses his wicket to a ball that he has been brought up to call a "tice." The crowd tell him jeeringly that he has been "yerked." Not knowing the word, he applies it to the nationality of the bowler, and says of himself that he has been "yorked." J. S. C.

"THE WOMAN WHO DID,"

In answer to Mr. Grant Allen's complaint in last week's ACADEMY, I do not wish to discuss his novel over again, having said all that I thought necessary in my review. His letter only leaves me the more convinced that his theories will not work, and that their application would be ridiculous.

Mr. Grant Allen should not, as a scientific man, start such groundless hypotheses, as that

I have only just discovered the existence of his problems, and that I have dismissed them and his book after three-quarters of an hour's consideration. The imputation would be unjust, were it not ludicrous. Surely Mr. Grant Allen cannot imagine himself the first discoverer of problems old as the Christian world and familiar

As to the lines from "The Taming of the Shrew," I hold them the wisest words yet said on the matter, though spoken three hundred years ago; and I still venture to consider Shakspere a safer authority on human nature than Mr. Grant Allen.

PERCY ADDLESHAW.

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SUNDAY, March 17. 4 p.m. Sunday Lecture: "The Story of Aluminium," by Mr. W. M. Heller.

7.39 p.m. Ethical: "Aristotle's Minor Virtues," by Mrs. Bryant.

8 p.m. Aristotelian: "Some Desiderata in Logic," by Prof. Brough.

8 p.m. Society of Arts: Cantor Lecture, "Commercial Fibres," by Dr. D. Morris.

TUEBDAY, March 19, 3 p.m. Ro:al Institution: "The Internal Framework of Plants and Astitution: "The Kidderpur Docks, Calcutta."

8 p.m. Society of Arts: "Practical Carpet Designing," by Mr. Alexander Millar.

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Wedding Mr. March 29, 7 30 p.m. Meteorological: "The Motion of Clouds considered with reference of the Story of the Story of the Motion of Clouds considered with reference of the Story of the Story of the Motion of Clouds considered with reference of the Story of the Motion of Clouds considered with reference of the Story of the Motion of Clouds considered with reference of the Construction of the Motion of Clouds considered with reference of the Motion of Clouds considered with reference of the Motion of Clouds considered with reference of the Motion of Clouds c

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RDNSBOAN. March 20, 7 80 p.m. Meteorological: "The Motion of Clouds considered with reference to their Mode of Formation," by Mr. W. N. Shaw.

8 p.m. Geological: "The Bejocian of the Mid-Cotteswolds," by Mr. S. B. Buckman; "Fluvin-glacial and Inter-glacial Deposits in Switzerland," by Dr. C. S. Du Riche Freiler.

8 p.m. Microscopical: "Patents connected with the Microscope, from 1866 to 1800," by Mr. W. H. Brown.

8 p.m. Scietty of Arts: "The Progress of the Abattor System in England," by Mr. H. F. Loster. IURSDAY, March 21, 3 p.m. Royal Institution; "Three Feriods of Seventeenth Century History," III., by Mr. S. R. Gardiner.

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8 p.m. Linnean: "Observations on the Loranthaceae of Ceplon," by Mr. F. W. Keeble.
8 p.m. Chemical: "Studies in Isomeric Change, III.,
The Ethylbenzenesulphonic Acids," by Dr. G. J. Moody;
"Some Oxypyridine Derivatives," by Miss Sedgwick and
Dr. Collie; "The Colouring Principle of Ioddalia Aculeata
and Evodia Meliasfolia," by A. G. Perkin and T. T.
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and Evons Mechaejolia," by A. G. Ferkin and T. T. Hummel.

8.30 p.m. Antiquanies.

Faidav, March 19, 8 p.m. Civil Engineers: Students' Meeting, "Pipe-Siphona under the Ouse, at York," by Mr. G. B. Williams.

5 p.m. Physical: "The Objective Reality of Combination Tones," by Prd. A. W. Richer and Mr. Edser; "S. no. Acoustical Experiments," by Dr. G. V. Burton; and "The Use of an Iodine Voltameter," by Mr. Herroun 9 p.m. Royal Institution: "Emily Brontë," by Sir Wemysa Reid.

Satundav, March 23, 3 p.m. Royal Institution: "Light or Sound," IV., by Lord Rayleigh.

3.45 p.m. Bolanie: General Fortnightly Meeting.

SCIENCE.

Epigraphia Indica, and Record of the Archaeological Survey of India. Edited by E. Hultzsch. Vol. III., Nos. 1-4. (Calcutta, 1893-4.)

DR. HULTZSCH's continuation of the Epigraphia Indica, which now has been turned into a Supplement to the Indian Antiquary, promises to become as important and interesting as the earlier volumes edited by Dr. Burgess.

The four numbers which have appeared contain almost exclusively South Indian inscriptions. There is only one document from the North, Prof. Kielhorn's Mandhata plates, the contents of which, however,

possess an exceptional value. They make us acquainted with a hitherto unknown successor of the learned and liberal king Bhoja of Dhârâ, whose memory lives to the present day among the poets and Pandits of India, and they furnish a terminus ad quem for the close of that famous Paramara's reign. Their date, Samvat 1112, which corresponds to AD. 1055-6, proves that Bhoja's death or deposition must fall earlier. Prof. Kielhorn is no doubt right in assuming that this event had happened not very long before the inscription was incised.

The oldest among the Southern inscriptions are Mr. Rice's great finds, the Siddâpur versions of Asoka's New Edicts, re-edited according to fresh impressions pre-pared under the direction of Dr. Hultzsch. Next in age come Dr. Fleet's two new inscriptions of the Chalukyas of Badâmi and his new grant of the Rathor king, Govinda III. They are accompanied by pedigrees of the two rival families, which have been corrected in accordance with the facts discovered since the publication of the Dynasties of the Kanarese Districts. Prof. Kielhorn adds another grant of the same Rathor king, throwing a new light on the manner in which the donor's father, Dhruva I., gained the throne. It appears that he rebelled against his elder brother, Govinda II., and that the latter was deposed only after a prolonged struggle, in which, among others, the kings of Malva, Vengi, and Kanchi took part.

Further, there are some valuable additions to the history of the Eastern and Western Gangas. Dr. Hultzsch gives us two new grants of the former dynasty, which had an era of its own and seems to have been of some consequence. Dr. Fleet makes known a new set of plates, attributed to the Western Ganga king Butuga, which he declares to be spurious, and, in doing so, he contributes an important discussion of all the known inscriptions of the dynasty. The number of undeniable forgeries and of suspicious documents which refer to the descendants of the Sacred River is appalling. But it is satisfactory to learn that there are at least some grants of the eighth and later centuries, which even Dr. Fleet considers to be genuine. If Mr. Rice, who has discovered them as well as the majority of the spurious or doubtful inscriptions, would soon publish them with good facsimiles, that would be the best and surest way to settle the difficult question of the pedigree of the Western Gangas.

Finally, there are among the numerous papers referring to the later dynasties of Southern India two by Messrs. Krishna Shastri and Venka'ayya, which will interest the wider circle of Sanskritists devoted to Vedic studies. Their analyses of some new inscriptions of the Vijayanagara or Vidyanagara Yadavas prove beyond a doubt that the famous names Madhava and Sayana do not refer, as Dr. Burnell thought, to one person, but, as the older opinion was and Dr. Peterson has asserted also recently, to two brothers, the sons of Mâyana and Srimati or Silmâyî. Mâdhava, it appears, held office under King Bukks, whose inscriptions are dated between A.D. 1354 and 1371. First, in THE resolu foreig for th in 189 Тн was to by P

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A.D. 1356, Sâyana served Saingama II., the son of Bukka's elder brother, Kampana, who ruled independently over portions of the Nellore and Cuddapah districts, and later from A.D. 1379, was in the employ of Bukka's son, Harihara II. A third brother of the two illustrious scholiasts, Bhoganatha, whose name Dr. Burnell took for an appellative noun, is called in one inscription a kavi or poet; and it is not improbable that he is the Bhoganatha who composed the verses of the new grant of Sanigama II., and was the narmasachiva or court jester of

Ten out of the twenty-six articles in the four numbers have been written by the editor, four by Dr. Fleet, three by native scholars, and eight by Prof. Kielhorn. Dr. Hultzsch's editorial work has been done well and has not been light. It is evident that he has had a severe fight with the P. D. of the Government of India Press, a most dangerous and intractable Rakshasa, and that he has conquered in the end. The plates with the facsimiles, all done by Messrs. W. Griggs, of Peckham, are

Though it gives me great pleasure to acknowledge that the *Epigraphia* has not deteriorated through the change of editors, I cannot conclude this notice without Dr. expression of personal regret that Dr. Burgess's connexion with epigraphy should have come to an end. And I feel it my duty to call attention to the fact that the progress in Indian epigraphy, effected during the last twenty-three years, would have been impossible without my old friend's untiring zeal and helpful energy.
G. Bühler.

SCIENCE NOTES.

THE Council of the British Association have resolved to nominate Sir Joseph Lister, Bart., foreign secretary of the Royal Society, as president for the meeting which will be held at Liverpool

THE Croonian Lecture at the Royal Society was to be delivered on Thursday of this week by Prof. Th. W. Engelmann, director of the Physiological Institute at Utrecht, who has taken for his subject "The Nature of Muscular Contraction."

It is announced that Dr. Armand Ruffer has tendered his resignation of the post of director of the British Institution of Preventive

Ar the meeting of the Meteorological Society, on Wednesday next, Mr W. N. Shaw will give a lecture, illustrated with experiments and diagrams, on "The Motion of Clouds, considered with reference to their Mode of Formation." The two causes of formation of cloud to be chiefly dealt with are: mixing of layers of air at different temperatures, and dynamical cooling.

AT the meeting of the Microscopical Society on Wednesday next, a paper will be read by Mr. W. H. Brown on "Patents connected with the Microscope, from 1666 to 1800."

THE current session of the Sunday Lecture Society will end on March 17 with a lecture, to be delivered at St. George's Hall, Langham-place, by Mr. W. Mayhowe Heller, on "Silver from Clay: the Remarkable Story of the Metal Aluminium," with illustrations by the oxyhydrogen lantern.

On Friday of this week, at 5 p.m., Dr. J. W. Gregory was to deliver a technical lecture in the map-room of the Geographical Society, on "The Age of the Atlantic Ocean."

Corrections.—Owing to a misunderstanding, the notice of "Mathematical Books" in the ACADEMY of last week was unfortunately printed without the author's corrections. In printed without the author's corrections. In col. 1, l. 4, for "Goursal," read "Goursat"; l. 33, for "Mestchersky," read "Mestchersky"; l. 47, for "Plond," read "Peano"; l. 60, for "Chersin," read "Chersin"; l. 65, for "Pickard," read "Picard." In col. 2, l. 26 should run: "it is not stated what ξ means."

PHILOLOGY NOTES.

DR. J. R. CLARK HALL'S Concise Anglo-Saxon Dictionary for the Use of Students (Sonnenschein) is a work of very considerable merit and usefulness. As the articles do not average more than three or four lines, the page being of three columns, and no illustrative examples are given, the book does not enter into competition with Mr. Toller's edition of Bosworth; but it will entirely supersede both the abridgment of Bosworth and the very in-convenient dictionary of Ettmüller, which have hitherto been the only comprehensive Anglo-Saxon dictionaries of small compass suitable to the needs of students. The marking of quantities has been carefully attended to, and is in general trustworthy; in the earlier part of the alphabet the book is in this respect a much safer guide than Bosworth-Toller. For beginners, a valuable feature of the work is the abundance of cross-references, as the diversity of spelling in different texts is often a serious difficulty in using a dictionary. It is, of course, inevitable that many oversights are discoverable in the first edition of a work of this kind. Dr. Hall has often fallen into error through following Wright-Wülker without having properly studied the criticisms which have appeared in various philological periodicals. The well-known spurious words "Cansegn, a The well-known spurious words "Cansegn, a banner," "ricen, powerful goddess (i.e., Diana)," "ilnetu, 'ciciris'" (a very transparent puzzle), "gerinen, diligent," will doubtless be expunged in a future edition. The verb "hesean, to cook," is evolved out of he séa" "he cooked." Under Pac Dr. Hall gives the sense "medicine," which, as Prof. Napier has shown in the Academy, has no existence. Under "wætig, callida," quoted from Holder's Prudentius Glosses, the unlucky suggestion is made that the word stands for witig; it is obviously a mistake for pætig. We have noted obviously a mistake for petig. We have noted some other mistakes of various kinds, and probably a more minute search would considerably increase the list; but we are inclined to think that most persons who are familiar with the difficulties of lexicographical work will consider that the degree of accuracy which Dr. Hall has attained is highly creditable to his skill and diligence.

THE Classical Review for March (David Nutt) is not a particularly interesting number. Prof. J. B. Mayor contributes a further instalment of critical notes on the "Stromateia" of Clement of Alexandria; Prof. Robinson Ellis, emendations of the Greek Trogici; and Prof. J. B. Bury, corrections of some passages in the 'Αθηναίων Πολιτεία. There is also the following ingenious emendation, from M. F. H., of Horace, Car. IV. ii. 49:

"Terque, dum procedit, io triumphe!"
Non semel dicemus, io triumphe!"

Of the reviews we need only mention three. Mr. P. Giles thus summarises a new theory of word-forms, which has recently been put forward by Prof. Streitberg, of Freiburg in Switzerland:

"The question to be answered is. What are the

causes why original short vowels should be found lengthened in certain definite groups of instances? Dr. S.'s reply is: If a mora has been lost in a word, an accented short syllable immediately preceding the last mora is lengthened, while a long syllable immediately preceding, if it has the acute accent, changes it to the circumflex."

By way of explanation, Mr. Giles adds:

"It the rule were to hold good in modern English, a dissyllable like canno: should be represented when reduced to a monosyllable by a syllable containing a long vowel (cant), the two morae represented by the two short vowels being now represented by one long vowel."

The other two reviews are both under Archaeology, where Prof. Christ's theory as to The Greek stage, in opposition to that of Dr. Dörpfeld, is criticised by Mr. Capps, of Chicago; and Mr. Salomon Reinach's illustrated catalogue of the Gaulish bronzes in the Musée de St. Germain is praised by Miss E. Sellers.

REPORTS OF SOCIETIES.

CAMBRIDGE PHILOLOGICAL SOCIETY. — (Thursday, Feb. 21.)

DR. POSTGATE, president, in the chair. - Prof. Skeat read a paper on "Genesis B and the Heliand, as illustrated by a MS. recently discovered in the Vatican Library." The Anglo-Saxon poetical version of part of the Book of Genesis is found to consist of two parts, apparently by diff. rent authors. The main portion of it is called, for distinction, Genesis A; while the other portion, forming an interpolation, is called Genesis B. The latter portion is contained in lines 235-851, the whole poem consisting of 2935 lines. By a careful analysis of Genesis B, Prof. Sievers was enabled to construct a somewhat startling theory. He asserted, in 1875, that Genesis B bore so many marks of resemblance to the poem of the Heliand (written in the O'd Saxon of the continent) that we are fairly entitled Saxon of the continent) that we are larry entitled to infer—(1) that Genesis B is an Anglo-Saxon version or adaptation of a poem originally written in the Old-Saxon of the ninth century; and (2) that we can even go so far as to say that the Old-Saxon version of Genesis and the poem known as the Heliand were absolutely written by the same author. Many scholars have been more or less content to accept these results; but others have doubted. The question was set at rest last year, nineteen years after the theory was enunciated. It can no longer be doubted that the theory is correct. The Vatican MS. No. 1447 contains the required evidence. The main portion of this MS. consists of a Latin treatise on astrology; but it also contains four fragments of Old-Saxon poetry, written on all the available blank spaces. Of these four frag-ments, three contain portions of a poem on the Book of Genesis, whilst the fourth is a fragment of the Heliand itself, all apparently by the same author. Of the first three fragments, it so happens that two lie beyond the part of the story contained in Genesis B; but the first lies within its compass, so that an exact comparison can here be instituted. Such a comparison renders it obvious that the Anglo-Saxon adapter has followed his Old-Saxon original very closely, yet with considerable tact and judg-ment. Some lines he renders word for word with the most literal fidelity, while in others he makes suitable alterations, frequently omitting particles in order to render his lines more terse and compact. order to render his lines more terse and compact. As an example of exact rendering, we may take the Old-Saxon phrase—"that wit unaldandas unord farbrākun, heb inkuningas." This is a portion of Adam's speech after the Fall, and signifies literally: "that we-two broke the command [lit. word] of the Ruler, the King of heaven." The corresponding phrase in Genesis B is word for word the same—viz., "thet wit waldendes word forbrecon heofoncyninges." This example of the soundness of a theory based upon careful inductions from a close study of texts is an encouragement to philologists to take pains over verbal criticism.—Mr Nixon read a paper on "Colour-Nomenclature," to show that the theory of an actual deficiency of colour sense among the ancients, such as was suggested in Mr. Gladstone's Homeric Studies, may still be held, if based not on an assumption of colour-blindness or of an imperfect

evolution of the organ of colour sense, but on onesided development of the use and functions of that sided development of the use and functions of that organ, and possibly on atrophy or hypertrophy of its component parts. He pointed out that later physiological discoveries were decidedly in favour of such a possibility; that the analogy of the development of other senses also favoured this view; and that the peculiarities of colour-nomenclature, though in many cases attributable to other causes, could not on the whole be satisfactorily accounted for excent on some such theory. for except on some such theory.

Anglo-Russian Literary Society.—(Imperial Institute, Tuesday, March 5.)

E. A. CAZALHT, president, in the chair.—W. J. Birkbeck read a paper on the ancient town of "Vladimir," once the capital of Russia. He of "Vladimir," once the capital of Russia. He began by pointing out that foreigners interested in Russia lost a great deal by neglecting to visit the ancient cities in the governments immediately round Moscow. Both historically and architecturally they were of the highest interest: there was hardly one of them which had not played a considerable part in the history of the empire, and in most cases they retained to this day architectural monuments which were not only of high artisis value, but which there light upon the tectural monuments which were not only of high artistic value, but which threw light upon the events of their past. And in this respect no provincial town in central Russia was more interesting than Vladimir on the Kljazma, the ancient capital of Russia, with its Cathedral of the Assumption, where the sovereigns of Russia were crowned for more than two hundred years, and where many of them lie buried, including some who perished in the defence, not only of Russian, but of European, civilisation during the Tartar invasions. As to the historical place of Vladimir, Russian history, if difficult and confused from a chronicler's point of view, became both interesting and easy to follow if we realise that the main factors in the growth and development of the empire, the principal active causes which have been at work throughout from the very first to the present day, out from the very first to the present day, are but two in number: namely, her autocratic monarchy and her Church. From the moment monarchy and her Church. From the moment that, nine centuries ago, the religion of the Orthodox Greek Church was incorporated in the monarchy which had been founded a century earlier by Ruric, the germs of the Russian empire, as we now see it, were already there; and the history of Russia is nothing more than the record of their gradual development into what we now see. To trace this development is all the more easy from the fact that Russian history can be divided into four periods, corresponding with be divided into four periods, corresponding with the four capital cities which have existed at different times within the empire. The original different times within the empire. The original capital was at Kieff; bu' this was moved to Vladimir in the twelfth century, to Moscow in the fourteenth, and to St. Petersburg at the beginning of the eighteenth century. Each removal marked a fresh stage in the growth of the autocracy, but not in reality a breach with the past. The capital city, from the time of the conversion of Russia to Christianity, had always been an important element in the life of the nation. In this respect the early history of Russia presents a marked contrast to that of the nations of Western Europe. The Teutonic and Scandinavian monarchies owed that of the nations of Western Europe. The Teutonic and Scandinavian monarchies owed their ideas of centralisation to the traditions of government which they received through Christianity from the Roman empire. But whereas in the West the influence of Roman ideas was only indirect, for the Western Roman Empire had then already ceased to exist, the Scandinavian rulers of Russia received their Christianity from Constantinople, where the imperialism of Christian Rome was still a living reality. Hence the Grand Dukes set to work to copy their model: and within a generation of the copy their model; and within a generation of the conversion of Russia we find Jaroslaff the Wise trying to make Kieff into a miniature Constantinople, with its own Cathedral of St. Sophia, and its own "Golden Gates." The germ of the idea which eventually led to the coronation of John the which eventually led to the coronation of John the Terrible as first Tzar of Russia may thus be traced back to the very beginning of Russian history; and its outward symbol was the importance attached to the capital city, as the seat of the Grand Ducal throne. The removal of the capital from Kieff to Vladimir, in the middle of the

twelfth century, was a step deliberately taken in the interests of autocracy by Andrew Bogoliubski, one of the most far-sighted of the earlier monarchs of Russia. This remarkable man was far in advance of his age, and attempted many things in the direction of centralisation which were not finally accomplished by the sovereign of Russia until many generations afterwards. The nature of his plans could be best illustrated by the great Cathedral of the Assumption, which he built for Moscow in 1395) as the "Vladimir Mother of God," before which every sovereign of Russia from his day to the present has been crowned. The "Golden Gates," which he built, and which The "Golden Gates," which he built, and which also may still be seen, represent the continuance through Kieff of the Byzantine tradition. From an architectural point of view these buildings are also of the greatest interest; for they represent the beginning of a distinctively Russian style, which, had its growth not been interrupted by the Tartar invasions, might have developed into something very important. Mr. Birkbeck concluded with a description of the storming of Vladinir by the Tartars under Baty in the thirteenth century, and drew a graphic picture Viaumir by the Tartars under Baty in the thirteenth century, and drew a graphic picture of the massacre of the Grand Duke's family in the Cathedral, where they had taken refuge. This, he said, was an apt illustration of what Russia had to undergo, and from what, by her resistance to the barbarian invaders, she saved the signs equilibrium of the porthers, patients of rising civilisation of the northern nations of Western Europe.—The Rev. E. Smirnoff, chaplain Western Europe.—The Rev. E. Smirnoff, chaptain at the Russian Embassy, spoke in flattering terms of Mr. Birkbeck's knowledge of ecclesiastical matters, and explained the origins of autocracy during the so-called "Vladimir period" of Russian history.—A short paper by Mr. Clive Phillipps-Wolley, received from British Columbia, was also read. It raised the practical question of future trade between British North America and Russia in Asia by means of the Pacific Ocean and the new Trans by means of the radius of the

ZOOLOGICAL .- (Tuesday, March 5.)

Sie W. H. Flower, president, in the chair.—The secretary read a report on the additions that had been made to the soc ety's menagerie during the month of February, and called special attention to a fine female Giraffe recently arrived from South Africa. This was believed to be the first example of the Inis was believed to be the first example of the large, dark-blotched race ever seen alive in Europe, the Giraffes previously exhibited having belonged to the smaller and paler form found in Northern Tropical Africa. The society has also purchased a pair of Sable Antelopes (Hippotragus niger) and a pair of Brindled Gnus (Connechactes taurina), all in excellent condition. The secretary applications excellent condition.—The secretary exhibited, on behalf of Mr. Walsey, of the Hudson's Bay Com-pany, two Martens' skins which had been received from two distinct districts widely apart. The peculiarity in these skins consisted in the fact that one of the forelegs in each skin was wanting, and there was nothing to indicate that a limb had ever existed at that part.—Mr. A. D. Michael read a paper on a new Freshwater Mite found in Cornwall, and belonging to the genus Thyas, of which only two species were previously known. It is a very handsome species, flattened in form, scarlet and orange in colour, and with remarkable whorls of large lanceolate spines tipped with scarlet on the legs. It was found near the Land's End in a small legs. It was found near the Land's End in a small stream close to where the rapid water falls into the sea. It is proposed to call it Thyas petrophilus.—Mr. G. A. Boulenger read a paper on "The Nursing Habits of two South-American Frogs," and exhibited a specimen of Hyla goldis with the eggs on the back. He also made remarks on a male specimen of Phyllobates trimitatis from Venezuela, carrying its tadpoles on its back, in the same way as had previously been observed in frogs of the genus Dendrobates from Surinam and Brazil.

FINE ART.

EGYPT EXPLORATION FUND.

THE EXCAVATIONS AT DEIR EL-BAHARI. Deir el-Bahari: Feb. 22, 1893.

THE clearing of Deir el-Bahari is drawing towards it end. Not only is the middle platform completely cleared and levelled, but the retaining wall on the southern side is showing its enormous hawks and traces of the vultures and asps which have been erased by the enemies of the worship of Amon. Parallel to the retaining wall runs an enclosure wall which did not reach the height of the platform, but which formed with it a passage ending in a staircase, now entirely ruined. It seems to have been the only way to reach the Hathor

Among the most interesting discoveries made lately are those alluded to in Mr. Hogarth's letter (ACADEMY, February 9) of fragments of the famous Punt wall, found scattered here and there in various parts of the temple. Small as the fragments often are, they give us important information as to the nature of the land of Punt. Its African character comes out more and more clearly. Although the name of Punt may have applied also to the coast of South Arabia, have applied also to the coast of South Arabia, it is certain that the Egyptian boats sent by the Queen landed in "Africa. In the newly discovered fragments we find two kinds of monkeys climbing up the palm-trees: the dog-headed baboon, the sacred animal of Thoth; and the round-headed monkey. Then we see bulls with long and twisted horns, like the animals which, as I have been told, were animals which, as I have been told, were brought to Egypt some years ago from the Abyssinian coast. Two panthers are fighting together; a giraffe is showing its head, which reaches to the top of a tree; and a hippopotamus is also sculptured as one of the animals of the

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A small fragment speaks of "cutting ebony in great quantity." And on another we see the axes of the Egyptians felling large branches on one of the dark-stemmed trees which had not bitherto been identified, but which are now proved to be ebony. A small chip shows that the people had two different kinds of houses one of which was made of kinds of houses, one of which was made of wickerwork. It is doubtful whether weshall find much more; unfortunately, what we have is quite insufficient for allowing us to reconstruct the invaluable Punt sculptures, which have been most wantonly destroyed in ancient and modern

On February 1 we at last came upon an untouched mummy-pit in clearing the vestibule of the Hathor shrine. In a place where the slabs of the pavement had been broken, we tried the ground to see if there was anything underneath, as we have done many times without success. On this occasion the workmen soon discovered that there was a pit roughly hewn in the rock, and filled with what they call fine rubbish, tourab kois, which means "un touched." When we came to a depth of about 12 feet, we found the bricks and the stones which closed the entrance to the side chamber. I removed them with my own hands, got into the very narrow opening, and found myself in a small rock-hewn chamber. It was nearly filled with three large wooden coffins placed near each other, of rectangular form, with arched lids, and a post at each of the four corners. On the two nearest the entrance were five wooden hawks, one on each post, and one about the middle of the hody.

Every coffin about the middle of the body. Every coffin had at the feet a wooden jackal, with a long tail hanging along the box. Wreaths of flowers were laid on them, and at head and feet stood a box containing a great number of small

porcelain ushabtis.

The opening of the chamber being very small, it is evident that these large coffins were taken

into the tomb in pieces, and put together afterwards. We undid the one next to the door, and found inside it a second coffin in the form of a mummy, with head and ornaments well painted, and a line of hieroglyphs well down to the feet. We did the same with the two to the feet. We did the same with the two others, and found that they also contained a second coffin, which we hauled up through the opening of the tomb. When we had stored them in our house, we opened the second coffins, and we found in each case a third inside, brilliantly painted with representations of gods and sense from the Book of the Dead of gods and scenes from the Book of the Dead. of gods and scenes from the book of the Dead. In this third box was the mummy, very well wrapped in pink cloth, with a net of beads all over her body, a scarab with outspread wings, also made of beads, and the four funereal genii. We unrolled one of the mummies, and then we unrolled one of the nummes, and then found it carefully wrapped in good clothes, which might be used at the present day as napkins or even handkerchiefs. Over the body was a very hard crust of bitumen: we had to use a chisel to break it. There were no amulets or ornaments of any kind except the beads.

These three mummies, which required nine coffins for their burial, are those of a priest of Menthu, Thotaufankh, his mother and his aunt. They evidently belong to the Saitic epoch, and are among the good specimens of that period. I consider that we were very fortunate in finding an unrifled tomb. It is clear that, after the XXIInd Dynasty, when the temple was no longer used as a place of worship, it became a vast cemetery. But, when we reflect that even in the middle of the last century people had begun to dig here for mummies, it is astonishing to find that this tomb escaped in an edifice which has been ransacked during nearly 150 years.

EDOUARD NAVILLE.

NOTES ON ART AND ARCHAEOLOGY.

MESSRS. LONGMANS have in the press a Life of Joseph Wolf, Artist and Naturalist, written by Mr. A. H. Palmer, the biographer of his father, the late Samuel Palmer. It will be illustrated with a portrait in photogravure, forty full-page engravings, and twenty in the text, taken from his finest studies of animals and other works. It will also contain, in an appendix, a list of the books illustrated by him.

THE April number of the Art Journal will be devoted exclusively to the Life and Work of Sir J. Noel Paton, Her Majesty's Limner for Scotland. The descriptive letterpress is written by Mr. Alfred Thomas Story, the biographer of Linnell. The frontispiece will be a photo-gravure of "Vigilate et Orate," which is gravure of "Viguate et Orate," which is now in the Queen's private apartments at Osborne; and there will also be full-page reproductions of the pictures entitled "Via Dolorosa," "The Empty Cradle," and "The

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THE exhibitions to open next week include a collection of pictures by Mr. C. E. Johnson, and also Meisonnier's "Le Postillon," at the Carlton Gallery, Pall Mall; and a collection of oil-paintings and water-colour drawings of Taugiers by Mr. Aubrey Hunt, at the Clifford Galleries, Haymarket.

WE may also mention that the spring exhibition in the Walker Art Gallery at Liverpool will open next week, consisting of works in black and white, water-colours, architecture, decorative art, and photo-

MESSRS. MARCUS WARD & Co. offer five prizes, of the aggregate value of £100, for a series of original designs representing the Four Seasons, which must be sent to them at Belfast by June 1.

On Tuesday, March 26, Mr. Talfourd Ely will give a free public lecture, at 8 p.m., in the South Kensington Museum, on "Ancient Portrai-South Kensington Museum, on "Ancient Portraiture," illustrated by the oxy-hydrogen lantern. This lecture will be followed by two demonstrations—on March 29, in the south corridor of the South Kensington Museum, on "The Real and the Ideal, as illustrated by Casts from the Antique"; and on April 2, in the sculpture galleries of the British Museum, on "Greek and Roman Portraiture."

MR. H. VILLIERS STUART writes to the Secretary of the Egypt Exploration Fund, from Cairo, under date March 4, as follows:

"A few days ago there were discovered Dashour the graves of two princesses of the XIIth Dynasty intact. The coffins had mouldered away, and the mummies lay each with a coronet on her head, and wearing other jewelry. When an attempt to move the mummies was made they fell of the coronets was, in fact, a wreath of forget-meof the coronets was, in fact, a wreath of lorget-menots, made of precious stones mounted on gold stems. At intervals occurred Maltese crosses and precious stones set in gold. This lovely wreath was an perfect and looked as fresh as on the day it was made—a couple of centuries before the time of Abraham!—more than four thousand years ago. It illustrates a passage in the poetic epitaph on the funeral pall of Queen Is-em-Kheb: 'She is armed with flowers every day.'
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"I visited Dashour and saw, in sitn, the sar-cophagus in which these treasures were found, as also that of the other princess. She also had a lovely coronet, fitted with a socket in which was inserted a spray of various flowers made in jewels, meerted a spray of various nowers made in jowers, with gold stems and gold foliage. Besides these, there are necklaces, bracelets, armlets, anklets, daggers, charms, &c. There most interesting discoveries are due to the energy and sagacity of M. de Morgan, Director-General of Egyptian Antiquities, ably seconded by Mme. de Morgan, his gifted wife."

MUSIC.

RECENT CONCERTS.

WITH the exception of a new Overture by Mr. Frederic Lamond, the programme of the first Philharmonic Concert, which took place last Thursday week at the Queen's Hall, belonged entirely to the music of the past: indeed, but for the "Charmant Oiseau," from Félicien David's "Perle du Brésil," which dates from 1851, and which was cleverly sung by Mme. Clementine Sapio, the programme might have been drawn up in the thirties. Some music, like good wine, improves with age; Mendelssohn's pianoforte music spoils. The composer himself was not satisfied with it. There was a special reason when Mme. Schumann played the G minor Concerto in 1882; but now none such exists. It did not even suit M. Sauer; and. further, it gave him very little opportunity for displaying his technical powers. He also performed Weber's "Concertstück," but not in his best style. Mr. F. Lamond's Overture is a clever and interesting work, and deserves a second hearing. Beethoven's C minor Symphony

was well given under the direction of Sir Alexander Mackenzie.
Rubinstein's "Russian" Symphony, No. 5, in G minor, was given at the Crystal Palace on Saturday afternoon. Nature bestowed many gifts on the composer, and by hard work and perseverance be made much of them. But he lacked the power of self-criticism: he failed to perceive the inequalities and the lengths in his music (we refer to movements of large compass). This Symphony is in many ways interesting: the themes are characteristic, the developments often clever, and the orchestration effective. When, however, it is over one feels a sense of relief. The two middle movements are the best, and if they were detached from the work

would, we imagine, make a favourable impression. The suggestion is dangerous, though not unreasonable. Critics often differ; and yet, so far as we are aware, they all agree that a little of Rubinstein is better than much. The work was interpreted with the utmost care, under the direction of Sir A. Mackenzie, Mr. Manns, to general regret, being still unable to resume his accustomed post. M. Sauer played Henselt's Pianoforte Concerto in F minor (Op. 16), and here the pianist was quite at home. The music makes heavier demands on the fingers of the interpreter than on the intellect of the listeners; the structure is clear, and the melodies are pleasing. The technique is the thing with which the pianist catches the ear of the public. Feats of agility attract, whether they be performed on a tight-rope, trapeze, or keyboard; and, if well performed, deserve due recognition. M. Sauer was in excellent form, and, as he grappled successfully with the formidable difficulties which the Concerto presents, the result was eminently satisfactory.

The concert commenced with Beethoven's

"Leonora," No. 3.
Mdlle. Ilona Eibenschütz gave a pianoforte recital at St. James's Hall on Friday afternoon. It is now some time since we heard this young lady, and she certainly shows signs of progress. She never lacked intelligence, and was never lifeless; now she plays with greater sympathy and earnestness. The principal piece in her programme was the seldom heard Brahms's Sonata in F minor (Op. 5). It is one of the early works of the master which excited the admiration of Schumann, and caused him to prophesy a great future for the young musician. The work is full of interest, and takes high rank among the few Sonatas worthy of mention

since Schumann.

Mr. Ernest Consolo, a pupil, it is said, of Sgambati, made his first appearance at the Popular Concerts on Monday evening. He played a Lied of Mendelssohn's in a very un-Mendelssohnian style, Liszt's "Waldesrauschen," and a "Gavotte" of Rubinstein's from a Suite—the two last in a neat though mechanical manner. Herr Joachim performed Bach's "Chaconne" for violin alone; but it was by no means the finest rendering of the work that we have heard from him.

Mme. Elise Inverni, a mezzo-soprano of in-telligence and experience, appeared at a concert on Monday afternoon. "Kathleen Mayouron Monday afternoon. "Kathleen Mavour-neen" was in the programme "by desire"— by whose? we wonder. M. E. Sauer played a Beethoven Sonata and other pieces, but was heard at his best in Chopin's A flat Ballade.

A novelty entitled "Fantasiestücke," for two violins, viola, and violoncello, by Mr. S. Coleridge Taylor, scholar, was given at the Royal College Concert on Wednesday evening. The work, consisting of five movements, is highly interesting. The music has character, and the composer's imagination seems to keep even pace with his skill. The best movements are undoubtedly the graceful Serenade, the quaint, lively Humoreske, and the flual Dance. work was sympathetically interpreted, and fully deserved the vigorous applause with which it was received.

J. S. SHEDLOCK.

MUSIC NOTES.

A WISH having been expressed in several quarters that one of Bach's organ compositions should be included in the programme of the Festival which is to take place at the Queen's Hall on April 2, 4, and 6, the committee has been fortunate enough to secure the consent of Sir Walter Garratt to play the Toccata (Concertata) in E major on the Selections' day, April 4.

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